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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Tito And Russia

ALTHOUGH the speeches of Marshal Tito and the Russian, as well as the language of the communiqué which they signed yesterday suggest that their thinking is now fully aligned, it is noticeable that the Yugoslav President succeeded in obtaining confirmation by the Soviets of Yugoslav equality and independence.

Typically the communiqué was fairly non-committal. The most interesting points on which agreement was reached were (a) the proposal that East and West Germany should negotiate directly on the question of reunification; (b) that the embargo of strategic goods to the Soviet bloc should be totally removed; (c) that improved contacts between nations should be developed through organized professional and technical missions instead of through free movement by individual travellers.

None of these agreements on policy are surprising. But there is significance in the fact that Marshal Tito has finally expressed himself on the German problem and how he believes it should be resolved. His acceptance of the Soviet argument that the East and West German governments should be primarily responsible for bringing about reunification appears to be a tactical concession to the Russians. It could, undoubtedly, make an appeal to the increasing number of West German critics of Dr Adenauer's policy on reunification and help to make his political position less stable.

THE Western powers cannot view with enthusiasm Tito's association with the Soviet attitude to the German problem, for they strongly support Dr Adenauer's refusal to deal with the Eastern zone and have now, apparently, an additional opponent to the idea of reunification of Germany under the auspices of the Big Four.

Yet to be demonstrated is to what extent, if any, Tito, as a result of his visit to Russia, will desert the West in important international disputes. There seems to be no doubt that Russia and Yugoslavia have strengthened their ideological and political ties, but it remains to be seen how this will manifest itself in international affairs. Tito reserves the right to independent action and has secured official Soviet recognition of this right. The West, however, must expect that in important international questions where their views conflict with Russia, Tito will probably throw his weight behind the Soviets.

The biggest question mark left by the Yugoslav leader's visit to Russia is whether he has secretly committed himself to a military alliance or at least understanding with the Soviets. Marshal Zhukov's reference to Russia and Yugoslavia "fighting shoulder to shoulder" may have been nothing more than a picturesque phrase designed to denote the degree of reconciliation which has been achieved between the two countries. Nevertheless it leaves an unfortunate impression, and the Western powers are entitled to some sort of clarification from Marshal Tito.

The Marshal has declared emphatically that his reconciliation with Russia involves no change in his relations with the West. If this be so it is difficult to see how he is going to give substance to some of the agreements he reached in principle with the Soviet leaders.

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TERRORISM IN ALGIERS

Europeans Slain And Wounded 5 ATTACKS NEAR THE CASBAH

Algiers, June 20.

Two Europeans were killed and 13 injured in Algiers today in terrorist attacks considered by the French authorities to have been rebel retaliations for the execution of two Algerian rebels yesterday.

The attacks, on the fringes of the Casbah (Arab quarter), were the worst which have occurred here since the beginning of the Algerian rebellion in November, 1954. One of the killed was Gaston Tolla, a photographer for the French language newspaper Journal D'Alger. A ten-year-old girl was among the wounded.

The French police, reacting quickly, killed two of the terrorists and captured two others.

The terrorists made five separate attacks in all, opening fire on persons sitting in front of cafes and on passers-by in the streets.

In the first attack, two terrorists walked up to a cafe in the "Cimetière de France" quarter of Algiers, each carrying two pistols. They opened fire on and seriously wounded an Algerian of Spanish origin. When a man walking down the street turned to run, the terrorists shot him down. He was Tolla.

Twenty-five minutes later, two other terrorists walked up to another cafe, the "Livingstone", and shot and wounded two persons. The terrorists then calmly walked up the street and shot two other persons, who were walking by. Another team of two terrorists, at the same moment, shot and wounded a 70-year-old artisan.

Five minutes later, in the same area, groups of terrorists shot and wounded three more persons. At 6.30 p.m. two terrorists emptied their pistols into a group of people gathered at the "Bar Du Centre", one of the most popular cafes of the Bab-el-Oued quarter, wounded six persons, including the 10-year-old girl. One of the persons wounded was in a critical condition.

Earlier today, two Algiers policemen were wounded by terrorists.

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Train Derailed

Near Batna, in eastern Algeria, a train was derailed when it ran across a mine.

In the city of Constantine, troops and police placed barbed wire at the outlets of several tiny streets that terrorists have used in fleeing after attacks.

At Bone, in the Constantine Department, troops captured three rebels, four persons who supplied arms to the rebels and 40 rebel suspects.

A Moslem farm labourer had his throat slit by the rebels in the same region.

Troops Ambushed

A battalion of the French Foreign Legion rushed to the aid of five truck-loads of French Army Algerian riflemen who fell into a rebel ambush between Sliken and Le Telagh, Western Algeria.

French sources reported that a fierce battle was in progress. The convoy of Algerian riflemen left on Wednesday from Sliken, 25 miles south of Bejaia, by road for Le Telagh, 10 miles east of Sliken. The large rebel unit ambushed the convoy as the road it followed passed through a wooded section, the sources said.

The legionnaires left Bejaia to aid the riflemen.

Border Clash

Rabat, Morocco, June 20. French and Moroccan investigators set out by plane

tonight for Ain Chair in south-east Morocco where four French soldiers were killed and 10 others were injured in a fierce engagement early today.

French sources here stated, meanwhile, that the clash, with a "presumably Moroccan" armed band some 200 strong, ended around noon when French military planes intervened. They said that the French dead included a Major and a Medical Corps captain. Six of the wounded were in a serious condition, while four other French soldiers were not accounted.

The clash occurred at Ain Chair, close to the frontier with Algeria and within 50 miles of France's ultra-secret guided missile testing ground at Colomb-Becquer (Algeria).

Official Moroccan circles said tonight that the clash involved "French military elements and the population of Ain Chair."

A Moroccan Government communiqué said, meanwhile, that "contradictory rumours" had reached Rabat concerning the extent of the Ain Chair clash and that an enquiry team was being sent to "prevent the incidents developing."

The decision to send French and Moroccan investigators to the spot was taken after consultation between the Moroccan Premier, Si Bekkai, and the French Embassy in Rabat.

Algeria Question

Council Meeting Postponed

New York, June 20. The scheduled meeting tomorrow of the United Nations Security Council on the Algerian question was postponed tonight until next Tuesday, at the request of the Soviet Union.

Mr Arkady Sobolev, the Soviet delegate, personally asked Dr E. Ronald Walker, of Australia and the Council President, for postponement on the ground that he had not yet received instructions from Moscow.

Thirteen Arab-Asian nations have asked the Council to examine the "grave situation" in Algeria.

Mr Sobolev's request was considered today at the regular monthly luncheon of the Council given by the President. It was learned that there was general agreement on the postponement. The Council will meet at 2.30 p.m. GMT on Tuesday which would allow it to have a second session that day if necessary.

Reuters.

Twenty-two people were killed and four injured when the plane crashed into the snow-covered slopes of the Tatra mountains near Lovova in Slovakia on January 18.

A government inquiry commission reported a month later that they were convinced the crash was caused by the aircraft colliding with a

balloon carrying American propaganda leaflets sent over Czechoslovakia from West Germany.

The Czechoslovak note, sent to the United States Embassy here yesterday, also demanded that the US government should severely punish the "people whose activity caused this tragic accident."

Reuters.

Menzies Wants Ottawa Agreement Replaced

London, June 20.

Mr Robert Menzies, Australia's Prime Minister, arrived here by air today to attend the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference beginning on June 27.

Mr Menzies told reporters that at the conference, Australia would be seeking a new agreement in place of the existing Ottawa trade agreement.

He added: "We propose to have discussions with the United Kingdom government of the most friendly kind in which we will review what has happened and try to discover what the problems are that should govern our trade relations. That does not mean we are going to make an attack on preferences because we are not. We are going to review our position as between two countries intimately associated and well prepared to prefer each other."

Reuters.

Turkey Opposed To Suggested Cyprus Constitution

London, June 20.

Turkey has notified Britain it is strongly opposed to Britain's proposed liberal constitution for Cyprus, authoritative sources said today.

The Turkish warning came in response to Britain's latest plan to offer the island Colony self-rule with an assured Greek majority in an elected assembly and to set a distant date for self-determination.

Turkey notified Britain it opposes the idea to a Greek majority in the assembly and that it wants equality for Turks and Greeks and not merely legal safeguards for the Turkish minority.

The Ankara Government left Britain in no doubt it rejects any suggestion to grant Cyprus the right to self-determination which at present means union with Greece.

Turkey's firm stand fore-shadowed new trouble over Cyprus as Britain prepared to make concessions to Greece in hopes of settling the explosive situation. The London Daily Mail said Turkey said it would send troops to Cyprus if necessary.

United Press.

BISHOP REBUKED

London, June 20.

An Anglican Bishop clashed sharply with Conservative Peers in the House of Lords today over whether Britain had the right to deport a Greek priest without first consulting the priest's ecclesiastical superiors.

Heated words flared across the normally drowsy chamber as the Bishop of Chichester demanded to know why the government did not consult the leaders of the Greek Orthodox Church before ordering the deportation of Father Kalinikos Macheriatis last week.

The priest was ordered deported for allegedly collecting funds in his London church for use by anti-British extremists in Cyprus.

Bishop Bell said today that the ecclesiastical authorities of the Greek Church were "very sad" because they had not been consulted about the matter. His words brought an immediate outburst from a Conservative Peer, Lord Howe, who asked: "Is this not a fund for the dependants of those who shot our soldiers in the back?"

The Bishop did not reply.

CYPRUS CASUALTIES

London, June 20.

One hundred and ten persons have been killed and 313 wounded in Cyprus since the start of the agitation there, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd said today in a written answer in the House of Commons.

Of these, 40 killed and 100 wounded were British troops and police. The terrorists have so far lost 13 killed, 19 wounded and 103 captured. The rest were Cypriot police and civilians.

The Minister pointed out that in addition to the terrorists captured, 312 persons are at present being detained under suspicion of having committed acts of violence or complicity with "Eckers"—France-Press.

MINERS BURIED

Tokyo, June 20.

A sudden cave-in today at the Chikubetsu coal mine in northern Japan buried four workers under tons of smoking rock and rubble. Digging to recover the bodies began immediately.

Reuters.

COMMONS APPROVES TRINIDAD OIL CO. DEAL

London, June 20.

The House of Commons tonight endorsed by 315 votes to 247 the British government's decision not to stand in the way of an American \$63 million sterling bid for the British-owned Trinidad Oil Company.

The Labour opposition motion, on which the vote was taken, was virtually one of no confidence in the government. It was actually a technical motion for the adjournment of the house.

The Socialists objected to the deal between the Texas Company and Trinidad Oil on the grounds that it was again British Commonwealth interests.

It attacked the business practices of the American company and wanted the government to be "running a risk" in allowing it to enter the British gasoline market.

Mr Harold Wilson, Labour's chief economic spokesman, declared that the Texas Oil Company had been denounced by the United States government for putting "illegitimate pressure" on American garages to sell accessories "which have nothing to do with petrol at all."

He alleged: "In 1953, \$2,750,000 were paid in kick-backs in respect of the sale of the products of a particular tyre company by the Texas Oil Company."

Mr Harold Macmillan, Chancellor of the Exchequer, opened the debate.

Main Purpose

Mr Macmillan said he thought the main purpose of the deal was for Texas Oil to develop business in the British gasoline sales market through the Trinidad Company's half share in the Regent organisation. Regent sells gasoline through garages and pump stations to British motorists.

If new oil exploratory areas in Trinidad were regarded as an asset then Britain retained two-thirds of that, the Chancellor said.

On reports that the Texas Company wanted to get in on the expanding Canadian oil development, he commented: "Shell and British Petroleum (BP) have, singly and together, far greater development and far greater possibilities."

The Chancellor added: "We cannot hide from ourselves that it was, at first sight, something of a blow to see a great asset passing out of our hands."

Dependency

But Britain was a country dependent on world trade and overseas investment. It would be a serious blow to her long-term interests if she were to bar two-way traffic in investment.

"Economic nationalism or isolationism is the last thing in the world which could suit us," he said.

Financial and economic advantages were in favour of the deal being accepted.

"Any dollar loss in dividends or sterling loss in taxation will, I believe, be more than recouped by the dollar proceeds from capital investment by the new owners in the sterling area."

Mr Wilson branded the deal: "A regrettable transaction which has caused dismay throughout the country."

He said the Texas Company's motive was clear—it wanted a share in the expanding British gasoline market. Gasoline consumption in Britain was 7.1 per cent up last year while in the American home market it went up by only six per cent.

Tangled Web

He declared the deal would "add to the already tangled web of restrictive practices in oil distribution in this country."

The British government should have provided the capital for the Trinidad Company. Mr Wilson recalled that before World War I, Sir Winston Churchill had bought for the British government shares in Persian oil—"a great and most successful investment."

Sir Winston Churchill, who attended the debate, listened impassively while Labour members shouted "bring him back."

Reuters.

SINGAPORE DELEGATION INVITED TO CHINA

Singapore, June 20.

Communist China has invited a delegation of leading Singapore industrialists and businessmen to visit China in mid-August, an authoritative source said today.

Earlier, Mr David Marshall, former Chief Minister of Singapore, said China would welcome a trade delegation from Singapore.

Mr Marshall, now president of the governing Labour Front Party, said he received a telegram yesterday from the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs in Peking, inviting his visit to China together with "industrial and commercial observers" from Singapore.

He said he had forwarded the cable to Mr Yap Pheng-geck, chairman of the Singapore Trade Advisory Council.

VIA HONGKONG

Mr Yap said today he would discuss the telegram with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry tomorrow.

The source said the Institute suggested that Mr Marshall and other interested Singapore merchants and industrialists should enter China through Hongkong. Entry visas might be arranged at the place of entry.

The Institute would issue formal invitations as soon as it received the consent of Mr Marshall and the industrialists and businessmen, the source added.

Mr Marshall sails for Japan tomorrow aboard the German luxury liner, Frankfurt, on the first leg of his Asian "study" tour.

After a one and a half month tour of Japan, he will visit China and India.

Reuters.

Voroshilov To Visit Yugoslavia

Belgrade, June 20.

The President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, Klement Voroshilov, will visit Yugoslavia shortly at the invitation of President Tito, the Yugoslav Tanjug agency announced today.

Mikhail Voroshilov accepted the invitation extended by President Tito before his departure from Moscow.

The date of the visit will be fixed later, the agency said.

France-Press.

Marilyn To Wed

New York, June 20.

Blonde film star Marilyn Monroe and playwright Arthur Miller are to marry in a few days, the New York Post said in a copyright article today.

The paper said Mr. Miller wanted the ceremony to be held at his New Milford, Connecticut, home. But the couple feared publicity might make a quiet ceremony impossible and so were still discussing the time and place.

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COMPENSATION DEMAND BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Prague, June 20.

Czechoslovakia in a note published today demanded that the United States should pay \$250,374 crowns (about £278,270) compensation for the crash of a Czechoslovak airplane last January, alleged to have been caused by an American leaflet balloon.

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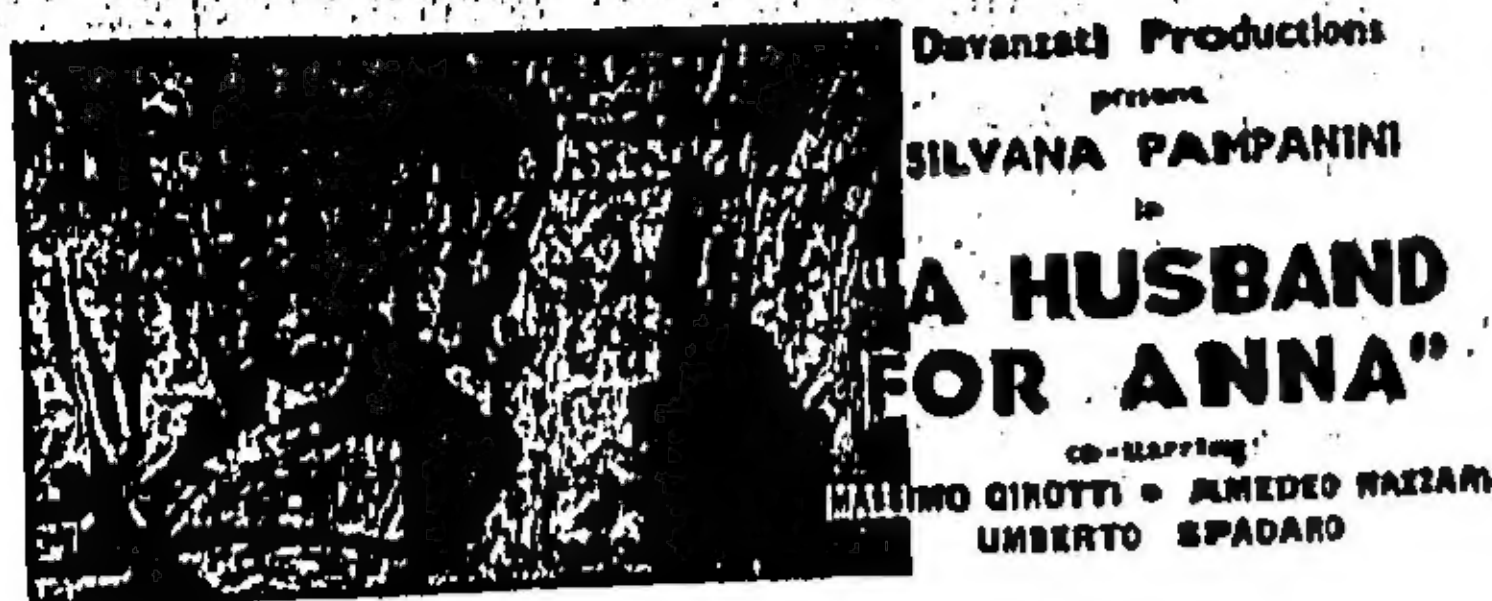
balloon carrying American propaganda leaflets sent over Czechoslovakia from West Germany.

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WEST MUST TRY TO COEXIST
WITH REDS PINEAU TELLS U.S.

Washington, June 20.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, said today that West could not refuse to move towards real East-West collaboration.

U.S. PLEA
TO KEEP
UP AID
TO ALLIES

Washington, June 20.

The U.S. Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, said today that "to cut military assistance materially at this time would present serious risks to the defence of the United States and the free world and would require a complete re-evaluation of our international position and our military budgets."

Mr. Wilson was pleading the cause of the United States foreign military aid programme before the Senate subcommittee. The U.S. Government has asked Congress to vote \$3,000 million for the realisation of this programme.

This is indispensable, said Mr. Wilson, in "helping to support approximately 200 divisions in the armies of our allies." Mr. Wilson particularly underlined the importance to the delivery to American allies of modern weapons, such as super-sonic aircraft and jet-guided missiles. These he said, were "largely scheduled for delivery to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation" and were of "crucial importance to our foreign policy of maintaining this partnership."

YEMEN MAY
PROTEST

New York, June 20.

Yemen will take its dispute with Britain to the United Nations "unless Britain discontinues its aggressive actions and violations in the Yemenite border areas," according to a statement circulated at United Nations Headquarters today by the Arab Information Centre. The statement said that the Government of the Red Sea Kingdom issued this warning following notification by the British Legation in Yemen that the Royal Air Force Chief in Aden had scheduled a military review today with British aircraft manoeuvring on the borders of the Yemenite towns of Hadya and Bohan, and that a Royal Air Force unit intended to survey the borders from low altitude.

"The Yemen Government expresses its strongest denunciation of these provocative and aggressive acts on the part of the Aden British authorities, in complete violation of the 1924 Anglo-Yemeni Treaty of San'a, which provides for the peaceful settlement of any dispute that may arise between the two parties," the statement said. China Mail Special.

Big US Road
Plan

Washington, June 20.

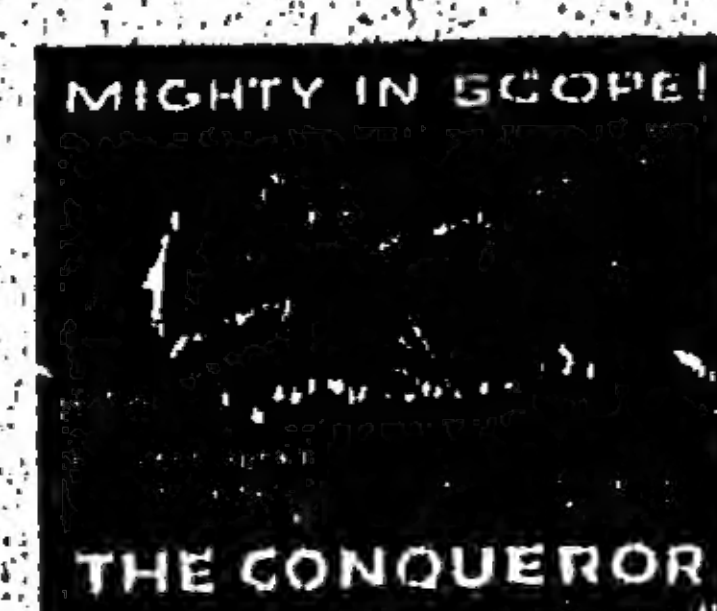
Congressmen agreed today on a compromise \$8.2 billion road building programme—the largest in history.

It called for construction in 13 years of a 41,000-mile network of superhighways to connect most American state capitals and larger cities.

It would cost more than \$27.5 billion with the Federal Government paying nine-tenths of the cost and the states the rest. United Press.

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Speaking to a meeting of the National Press Club, he said he preferred a policy of collaboration "to an international immobilism of which the only possible result is to maintain in the world mistrust, distress and wait."

"After all, we can try the experiment, and if the Soviet attitude should prove too disappointing, we can reconsider the whole problem," he declared.

"What risk shall we have incurred as long as the community we have organised for security purposes remains strong and our mutual will to preserve our civilisation continues unshaken?"

I'LL SPEAK FRANKLY

He said at the outset that he intended to speak with the utmost frankness "and to deal with one of the most difficult of subjects, as I have done with such cordiality with Mr. John Foster Dulles (the Secretary of State)."

He recalled that he and his Prime Minister, M. Guy Mollet, had stressed two ideas in particular among the basic principles of French foreign policy.

"The first is that we will remain loyal to our friendships, our alliances and our present collective security system. This clearly indicates our determination to co-operate in every domain with our American friends, to maintain the Atlantic alliance and expand it in new fields."

"The second is to re-establish with the countries of the East, which until now have wilfully isolated themselves from the rest of the world, but in the last several months, have been making an effort to raise what used to be known as the iron curtain."

It seemed that a certain segment of American public opinion found it hard to comprehend "how we can possibly show understanding in the East while remaining faithful to our friendship in the West," M. Pineau said.

But he insisted—and this, he said, was his basic theme—that there was no contradiction between these two aspects of French policy "as long as we are really convinced that international differences cannot be settled by war." "We can all place ourselves within the framework of a possible peaceful settlement of our problems and of co-existence between different political, economic and ideological systems."

'FACTS COUNT'

"Once we admit the possibility of this co-existence, we must organise it and make it as beneficial as possible to the peoples of the world. Systematic mistrust no longer seems necessary, and while the existing safeguards must be maintained, the basic objectives are peaceful in nature."

He did not wish to discuss whether or not the Soviet leaders were sincere "this is a problem of removal of formality. What counts are facts and experience shows that facts often modify intentions," he said.

Now the facts had changed, probably under the pressure of economic circumstances.

The Soviet Union was today obliged to face tasks beyond her capabilities. These included the building of capital equipment, improvement of Soviet living standards, sharing in the development of China, and to live up to the commitments that she was now making in Asia and Africa.

"Now, she is beginning to understand that the accomplishment of such tasks demands considerable time. Her leaders are therefore ready to make a certain number of unavoidable sacrifices required for a return to a more normal economy and so that collaboration between East and West may become a reality."

'CANNOT REFUSE'

"Are we—and this is the question which the French Government has asked itself—are we going, for our part, to take a step in the direction wished for by the Soviet leaders?"

"On the very basis of our principles, we cannot refuse." "We have indeed criticised the Soviets so often for having

Twining To
Leave
For Moscow
This Week

Washington, June 20.

General Nathan Twining heads for Moscow this week, probably tomorrow, on a dramatic expedition that he believes will have profitable results for the United States.

Accompanied by a team of experts in every field of air power, General Twining has high hopes of returning to America with some sound new appraisals of Russia's latest air power advances.

His report to other members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Council will go far in defining the military picture. President Eisenhower permits other service leaders to visit Russia and the extent to which Russians may be invited here.

The Twining party plans to arrive in Moscow on the afternoon of June 23. He was invited on May 23 to come to Russia with several officers of his choosing, chiefly to see the June 24 air show at which new developments usually are unveiled.

President Eisenhower authorised acceptance of the invitation on May 30, but on June 11 the President said "no" for the moment to an informal Russian inquiry as to whether the other military chiefs also would be allowed to go. United Press.

NEW A-SUB

Portsmouth, N.H., June 20. The keel of a new American atom-powered submarine, the "Sea Dragon," was laid today at the naval shipyard at Portsmouth. The "Sea Lion" will be a sister ship of the "Swordfish," already under construction in the same yard. France-Press.

PIRACY INCREASING

Djakarta, June 20.

Piracy is increasing off the coast of Indonesia, according to the police.

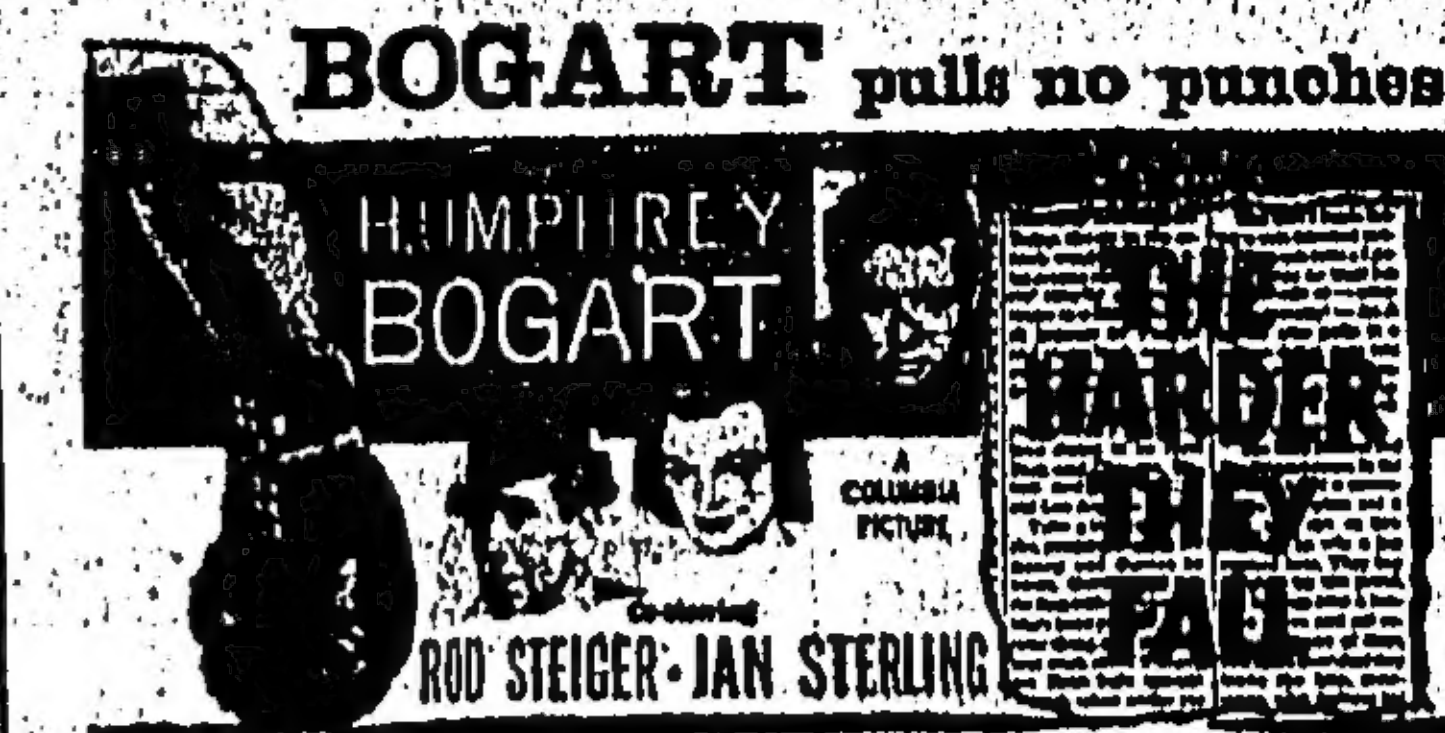
They said that they were at present investigating two recent cases off the coast of the Celebes, near Macassar. A sailing vessel bound for Macassar had been attacked

and boarded by a gang of pirates, who had made off with the entire cargo of timber.

Another sailing ship carrying students to Macassar was also boarded. The students were robbed of their few belongings. Router.

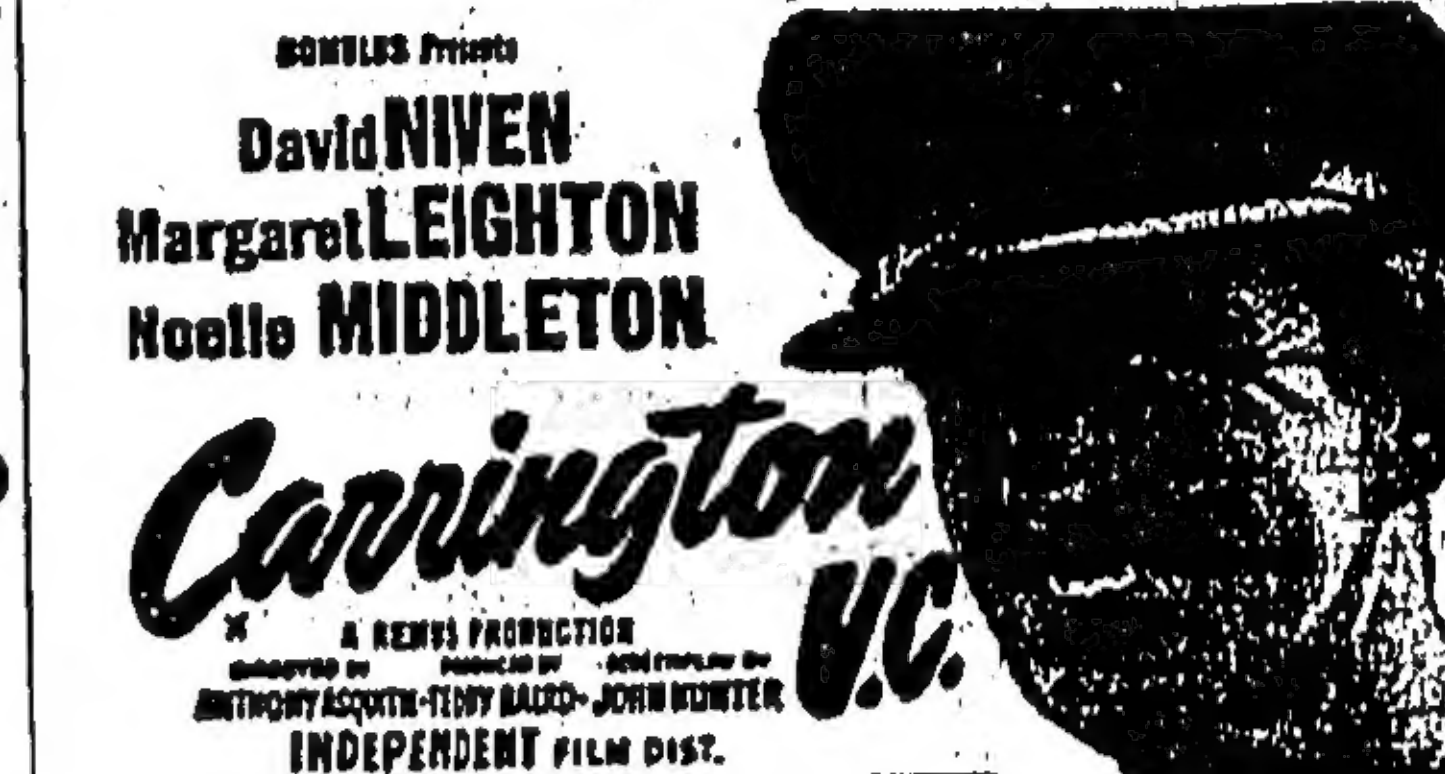
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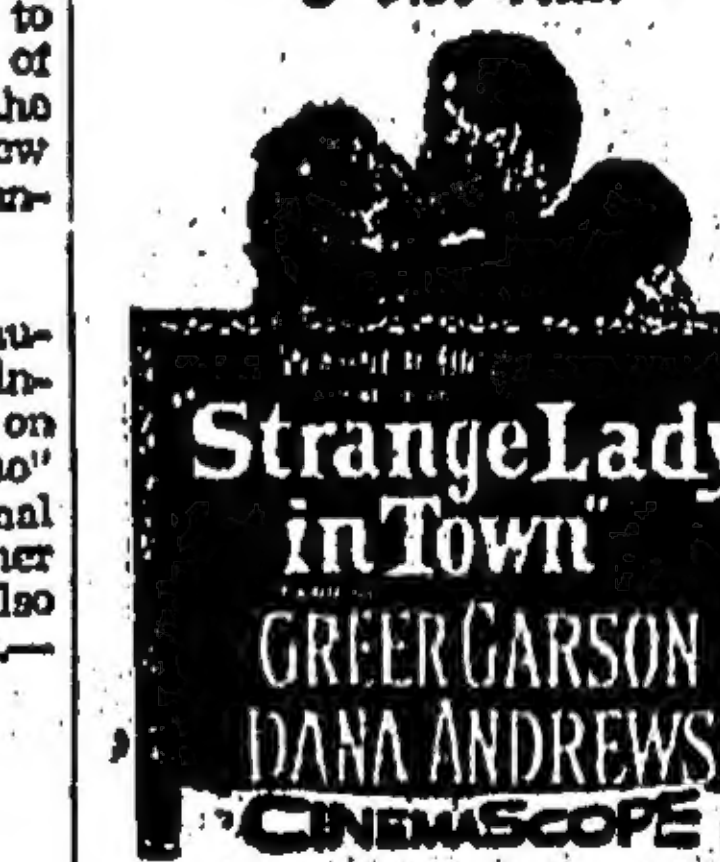
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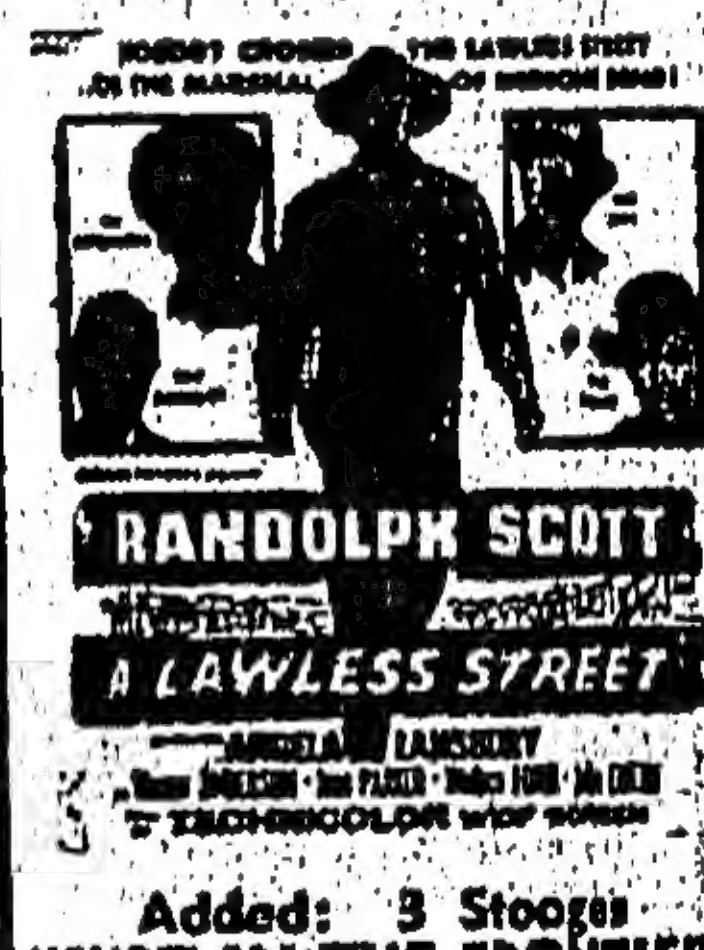
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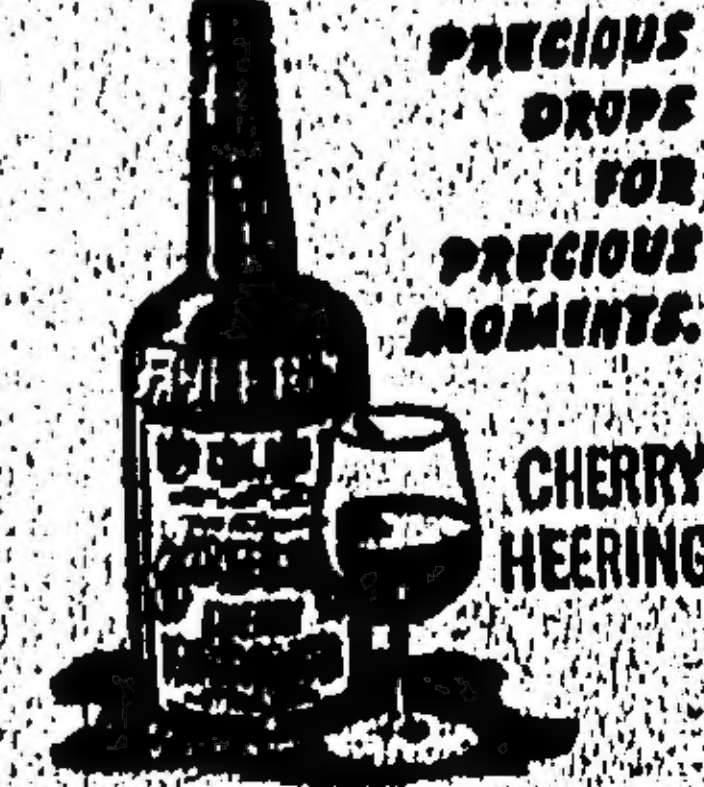
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Scientists (In A Sub) Study Earth's Crust

Wellington. Valuable information about the composition and structure of the earth's crust is at present being obtained by a party of Australian and United States scientists aboard the British submarine, *Telemachus*, which is engaged on a two months' ocean gravity survey in the South Pacific and the Tasman Sea.

To enable the scientists to make their observations,

the *Telemachus* will submerge at points about 50 miles apart. She will lie at depths at which she will be unaffected by winds, waves, currents or any other forces, thus permitting the most accurate recordings possible to be taken on the delicate instruments she is carrying.

The principal instrument being used is the Vening Meinesz pendulum, which is so finely adjusted that it

can obtain results accurate to one part in a million. By means of it the scientists can produce graphs which show clearly the formation of the earth's crust in the area they are surveying and indicate as well the kind of rock or other material of which it consists.

The pendulum apparatus and most of the other equipment was taken to Australia by Mr H. M. Traphagen,

of the Lamont Observatory New York, who arrived recently to join Mr S. Gurnson, of the Australian Bureau of Mineral Resources, with whom he is associated in the project. The project that the survey should be undertaken was made last year by Dr L. V. Berkner, president of Associated Universities Incorporated, of New York. He emphasised that a submarine would be needed for the task, and the

Royal Australian Navy, anxious to co-operate, received the permission of the Admiralty to make available the *Telemachus*, which has been based at Sydney for some time. During her voyage, the *Telemachus* will call at Wellington, Auckland, Suva and Tonga. In addition to its scientific value, the survey is expected to produce much information for mariners. — China Mail Special.

CYPRUS KILLER FIRE: ARMY PROBE STARTS

Nicosia, June 20.

An inquiry into last weekend's forest fire in south-west Cyprus, in which 19 British soldiers died, began today in private in the forest region.

It has not yet been decided whether the results will be made public.

Intelligence reports and eyewitness descriptions are being heard. Brigadier Madoe, commanding British marine commandos based on Cyprus, is presiding.

The fire started at the peak of an operation by 5,000 troops attempting to trap the supposed leader of the terrorists, Colonel Grivas.

At unofficial levels there have been suggestions that the terrorists started the fire to create a smokescreen for their escape.

Terrorists hurled a bomb at a British footpatrol in a Paphos, West Cyprus, street this afternoon.

There were no British casualties but a passing Greek Cypriot was hurt by a flying bomb splinter.

One youth was arrested. Cyprus newspapers today greeted with cautious optimism reports from London about possible changes in the island's constitution.

SIX YEARS?

The Times of Cyprus, English-language daily, confidently anticipated an imminent announcement in the House of Commons of an offer meeting "most if not all the demands by various Cyprus communities."

The Nationalist Ethnos newspaper which often reflects the ethnoarch's views suggested that the proposed constitution would provide for self-government with Greek elected majority, and self-determination "within six or seven years."

A declaration by Greek Cypriot mayors and municipal councillors of the main towns of Cyprus issued today said: "We will never participate in any negotiations concerning Cyprus's future so long as Archbishop Makarios is held in forced confinement."

The declaration was signed by Dr Themistokles Davis, the Mayor of Nicosia.

The British offer is reported to propose a constitution for Cyprus with a Greek elected majority in the House and provision for self-determination at a specified time. — China Mail Special.

CHINA FLOOD THREAT OVER

London, June 20.

The menace caused by this year's first big water crest along the Hwai river, of east central China, is now in the main over, the *New China* news agency reported in Peking today.

Quoting a central flood-prevention headquarters report, the agency said the crest had disappeared into the Hwanghe Lake, bordering two provinces of Kiangsu and Anhwei which, after absorbing the crest, had a level of 1.3 metres below the warning line.

The agency said the entire main course of the Hwai river above the lake is falling and the whole line is below the danger mark.

The only exception is at Chengyangkuan, where the level is still 0.15 metres above the danger mark. — Reuters.

NEWSPAPER SAYS

TURNCOAT SPY BETRAYS 137 MEN

Frankfurt, June 20. A Frankfurt newspaper reported today that a German employee of the U.S. counter-intelligence corps stole the names of 137 agents and turned them over to the Communists in East Germany.

A U.S. Army spokesman said, however, the report was "absolutely false."

The influential "Frankfurter Allgemeine" said in a front-page story that the theft of the records was committed on May 20 at C.I.C. offices in Würzburg by a German employee "of many years' service."

On May 29, East German Premier Otto Grotewohl told Parliament that 137 American agents had been arrested "recently" in the Soviet zone.

He said the arrests were made after an unidentified agent defected to the East with a sack containing U.S. espionage files and lists of agents in East Germany. — United Press.

Saigon Strike Threat

Saigon, June 20. The Vietnam Confederation of Christian Workers, which groups more than 800,000 members, today decided to call a general strike on June 25 to safeguard union rights.

The decision was made at a meeting today of the Confederation Congress, following the arrest of a Secretary-General and of several union members and officials in the province of Thua-Nhut, 20 miles north of Saigon, where there are important rubber plantations. — France-Press.

FILIPINO TAKES OVER DISPUTED CHINA SEA ISLAND: TELLS TAIPEI

IKE SITS UP TO EAT

Washington, June 20.

A second medical bulletin issued by President Eisenhower's doctors today said: "The President's condition continues to progress satisfactorily."

"His temperature, pulse, blood pressure and respiration continue to be normal."

"The President took his walking exercises and sat up in an easy chair for about half hour this morning."

PINEAU A VISITOR

"Later he conferred with the Assistant to the President (Mr Sherman Adams) and staff members on White House business."

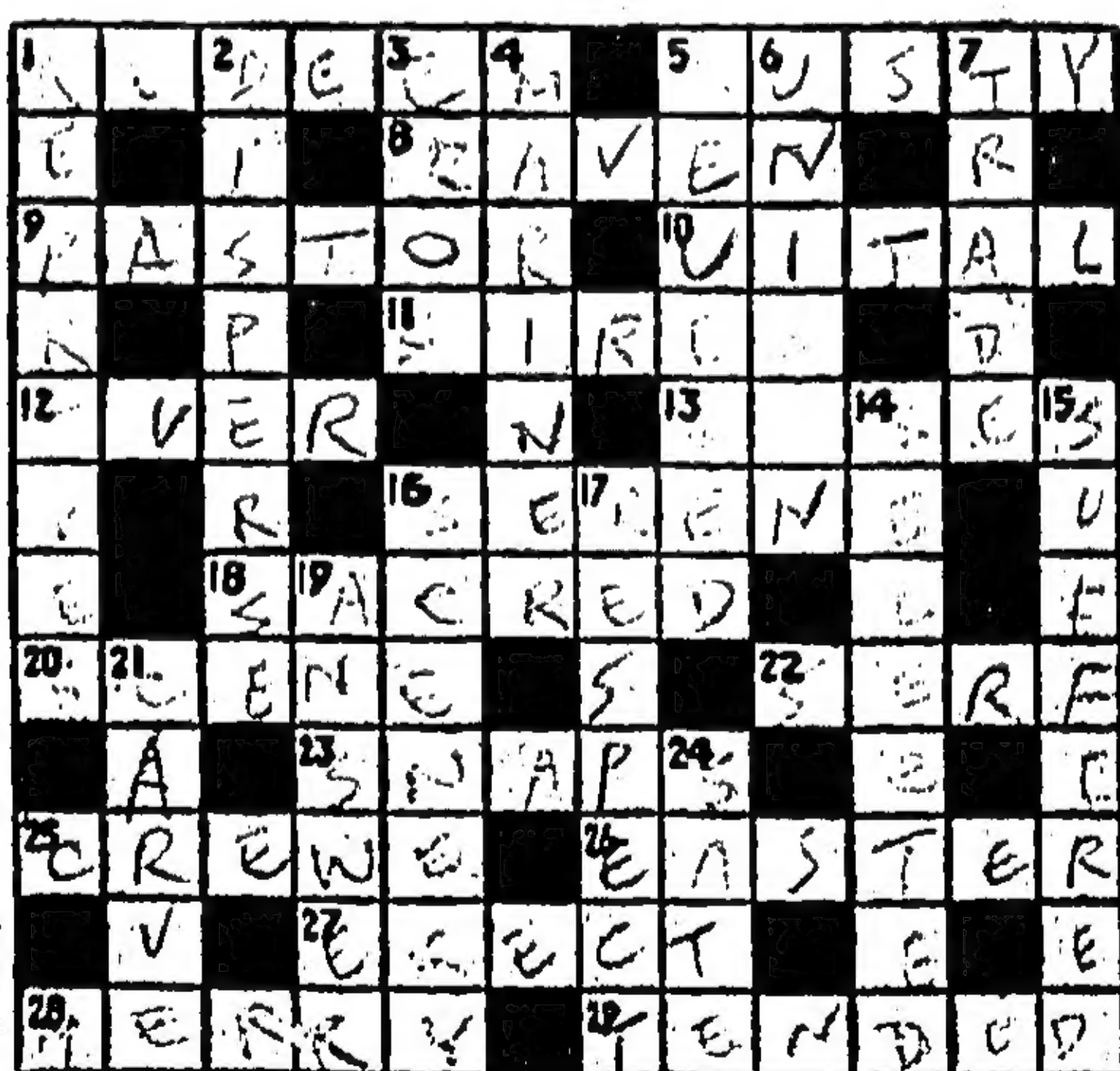
"Shortly after 11.15 am, he had a visit for about ten minutes from the Foreign Minister of the Republic of France (M. Christian Pineau) and the Secretary of State (Mr John Foster Dulles)."

"He had the same lunch as he did yesterday and sat up in an easy chair to eat it." — Reuters.

POLISH POLICE CHIEF SACKED

Paris, June 20. The Polish Government today relieved of his functions Colonel Stanislas Wolanski, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish "Civil Militia" (Police) the PAP news-agency said. — France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Bay back (6).
 - 2 Out of practice (5).
 - 3 Bird (6).
 - 4 Clergyman (6).
 - 5 Incumbent (5).
 - 6 Ancestress (5).
 - 7 Fast (4).
 - 8 Flowers (5).
 - 9 Unruffled (6).
 - 10 Stork (5).
 - 11 View (5).
 - 12 Slave (4).
 - 13 Breaks off (5).
 - 14 Famous railway centre (6).
 - 15 Church festival (6).
 - 16 Built (5).
 - 17 Looked after (6).

- DOWN
- 1 Chide (6).
 - 2 Scatter (5).
 - 3 Cupid (4).
 - 4 Sailor (7).
 - 5 Venerated (7).
 - 6 Concert (6).
 - 7 Commerce (5).
 - 8 Chase (8).
 - 9 Entured (8).
 - 10 Landscape (7).
 - 11 Honour (7).
 - 12 Reply (6).
 - 13 How (5).
 - 14 Over-satisfied (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Spur, 7 Tramp, 8 Alar, 9 Slam, 10 Enraptured, 11 Prod, 12 Exposed, 13 Snip, 14 Value, 21 Rite, 22 Kite, 23 Pine, 24 Flock, 25 Scold, 26 Sign, 27 Attract, 28 Furry, 29 Deal, 30 Trap, 31 View, 32 Slave, 33 Breaks off, 34 Famous, 35 Church festival, 36 Built, 37 Looked after.

FAULT FOUND IN NEW TURBO PROP

BOAC PUTS BACK BRITANNIA

London, June 20.

British Overseas Airways Corporation announced today that it has postponed until autumn plans to put into service its new turbo-prop airliner "Britannia".

The reason? A mechanical fault discovered in high altitude test flights.

The BOAC announcement said it had been discovered that the cowl-

ing of the plane's engine iced over under unusual atmospheric conditions.

The Bristol Aeroplane Company, which manufactures the "Britannia", hopes to make the necessary modifications in the plane by next October.

The "Britannia" is destined to serve the Britain-South Africa route. — France-Press.

Marshall Told; Mind Your Silver Tongue

Singapore, June 21.

The British-owned newspaper, Straits Times, said in an editorial today Mr David Marshall, former Chief Minister of Singapore, "must curb his silver tongue" during his "study" tour of Japan, China and India.

The paper said Mr Marshall had "no right to speak for Singapore than any other tourist."

"No one could be so cruel as to suggest he should not make any speeches at all, but he really must curb his silver tongue lest he embarrass his colleagues and harm Singapore," the editorial stated.

"He has already found it immensely difficult to remember that he is no longer Chief Minister," it added.

Mr Marshall, now President of the Governing Labour Front Party, sails today for Japan aboard the German liner, Frankfurt, on the first stage of his Asian tour. — Reuters.

BRITISH ARMS AID TO IRAQ

London, June 20.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, told Parliament today that Iraq would continue to receive military assistance from Britain regardless of what future arrangements are made with regards to armaments to the Middle East.

A Labour member Mr Philip Price had suggested that in view of the relative balance of forces now existing between Israel and the neighbouring Arab states, Britain should call a conference of the signatories of the 1950 tripartite declaration together with Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia to ensure no further arms were sent to either side.

Mr Price said that any military assistance to Iraq should be sent on condition that it would be used for strengthening Iraqi forces to meet possible disturbances in tribal areas.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd said this would be "an interesting conference" but he did not know whether it would find acceptance among the suggested participants.

Mr Price asked for an assurance that whatever arrangements were made Iraq would continue to receive military assistance.

"I can certainly give that undertaking," Mr Lloyd replied. — United Press.

JEWS GET TWO RN SHIPS

Haifa, June 20.

Israel today hailed the arrival from England of two destroyers, the "Elath" and the "Jaffa", which now constitute the largest units in the country's navy.

The whole of Haifa harbour was gaily decorated for the event, and flag-dressed vessels greeted the two 2,500-ton, 31 knot-destroyers.

The destroyers, which saw service in the Royal Navy in World War two, had been completely refitted, and their 200-man crews underwent special training.

OUR SPIRIT

The first man ashore after the vessels had tied up was General Moshe Dayan, Israeli Chief-of-Staff, who went to England to accept delivery.

Prime Minister Ben Gurion said at the ceremony of receiving the flag of the new naval ships, "The Americans and Soviets may sell to our enemies better and larger ships, but cannot sell them the technical know-how, fighting spirit and Jewish heroism."

Britain has recently sold similar vessels to Egypt and the U.S.S.R. has delivered two destroyers to Egypt, which are somewhat faster and with heavier armament. — France-Press.

NOT AN INSULT

"Kindly transmit to your government the fact that our action is not intended to insult or challenge the integrity of the Chinese people for whom we have the highest regard and respect."

"However, you will, we trust, understand that until the question of ownership shall have been decided we feel compelled to protect our rights even alone in the capacity of administrator or guardian of a res nullius property."

"We are conscious of the close cultural, historical and economic ties between the Chinese and Filipino peoples and you have our firm assurance, Your Excellency, that we will be guided accordingly. It is for this reason that Spratly Island was not revisited."

TO TELL SEATO

Mr Cloma said he was also advising other claimants to "Freedomland" about the activities of the expedition headed by his brother.

He said that the eight nations who form the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation would be similarly advised. — United Press.

£10 Million Spent On Penicillin Before Production

London, June 20.

An American drug chief said tonight private firms spent almost £10-million developing penicillin before it was marketed.

Mr John McKoon, President and Chairman of the American drug manufacturing firm of Charles Pfizer and Company Inc., said it was in 1941 that Britain asked the United States to help in finding mass-production methods for penicillin.

"You had other matters on hand at the time," he told the

British Association of Chemists. Mr McKoon said that in 1941 there was enough penicillin to treat six patients. In 1943 some 25 lbs. had been laboriously harvested. But 14,000 lbs. of pure penicillin were produced in 1945 and 140,000 lbs. in 1946. Also, new manufacturing methods than 750,000 lbs. a year. — China Mail Special.

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Group booking may be applied for to the Booking Department of the Reception Committee, Chinese Consulate, Commerce Building, 9th floor.

I ought to be confident and share in the general optimism. Why not? I will tell you...

WAITING GAME IN MOROCCO

By Sefton Delmer

Oran. I HAVE just spent three days with the French Army, watching young reservists comb out a rebel-infested mountain district near the Moroccan frontier. They were doing well. They searched hundreds of caves, then bulldozed or dynamited the openings. All the time they watched for snipers, mines, and hidden arms.

Yes, an excellent drive, and by no means exceptional. Similar operations were carried out simultaneously in Central and Eastern Algeria.

Pressure

Everyone is confident. On the Paris stock exchange Algerian shares are rising. Here in Oran trade is booming.

Down in the harbour, transporters are unloading more troops, more guns, more planes.

I ought to be confident too, and share in the general optimism. Why not? I will tell you.

I am doubtful how long the Government will be able to keep troops out here in strength necessary for the re-establishment of order.

Already the French Socialists are putting pressure on Robert Lacoste, Socialist Resident Minister for Algeria, to send troops — called-up reservists — home by the end of summer.

The rebels were able to establish themselves in this district because no French administrators, tractors, police or troops, had gone near it since last October. They were too thin on the ground to do so.

Murder

The terrorists, a tiny but extremely determined fraction of the population, were able to exploit this.

They murdered all the leading Moslem inhabitants who opposed them, burned their farms and crops, and convinced the rest of the Moslem population that the French were abetting here as they had abetted in Morocco and Tunis.

If the reservists are withdrawn at this stage of battle the outlook will be bleak for the French. And all of us in Western Europe who depend on North Africa, strategically and economically.

For waiting just across the border in Eastern Morocco is a powerful organisation of Cairo-directed fanatics who are looking for just this opportunity to act.

I can say this with authority. I gate-crashed my way across the border without a regular visa to find out what these fanatics are up to.

And the indisputable fact is that the Sultan of Morocco, to whom the French handed over Morocco in a highly optimistic treaty of "Independence and Interdependence" is incapable of exercising any control over the eastern part of his country.

While the Sultan and his government continue to protest their loyalty to their French friends, Eastern Morocco has been turned into one vast base dedicated to the enrichment of terrorists and expulsion of the French from Algeria.

The men who are doing it: Governor Hamidou and his colleague Haj Mohamed Bou-boul, commander of Eastern Morocco's National Liberation Army.

They have a special assembly camp where they receive, arm, equip, and train recruits from all over Morocco and Algeria.

Propaganda

But here is the point which is most alarming. There is evidence that Bou-boul, under orders from Cairo, told his terror chiefs to lie low during the present sweeps in Algeria.

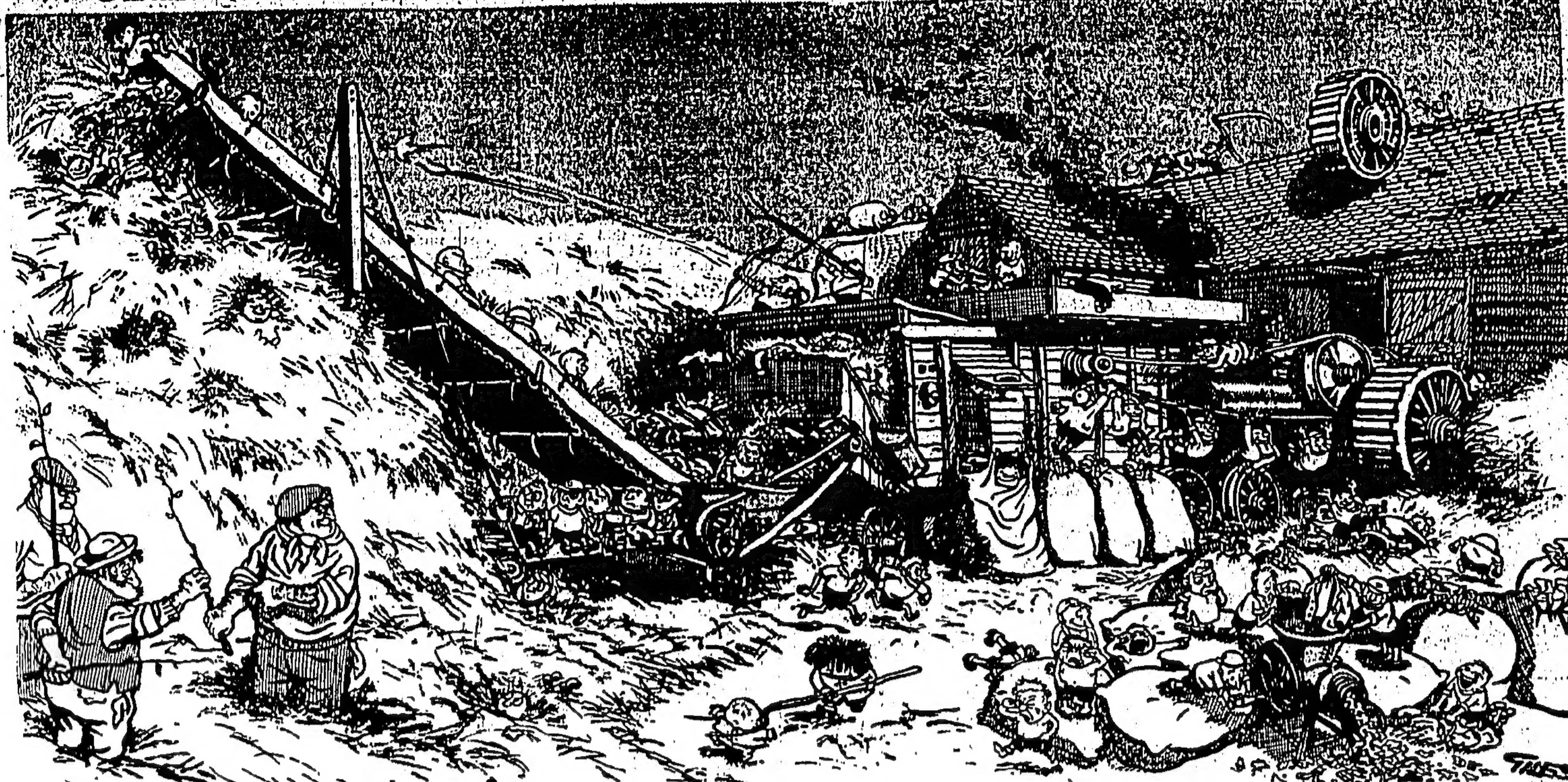
"Do not try to face them or fight," say his orders. "Hide your arms and hide yourselves. Your day will come. The French cannot keep this up. We can wait."

As I looked at Moslem peasants being screened in barbed-wire cages by French police after troops had brought them in, as I watched the hesitation with which they talked with their captors in the presence of other peasants, I realised the strength of Bou-boul's propaganda.

These simple country folk, despite all the French show of force, still believe that soon the French will leave them once more to the mercy of Bou-boul's and Nasir's bullets.

M. Lacoste knows this only too well. Let us hope he and the rest of the French Cabinet have the strength to resist pressure from their supporters and give the army the chance to finish the job it has begun so well.

WORK THIS ONE OUT AND TAKE CARE!



GILES joins the campaign to cut down accidents on the Home Front! The cartoon above has been drawn by Giles at the invitation of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. This is Life on the Farm . . . Watch next for Life on the Kitchen Front. Smile with Giles . . . but take care!

A NEW WAY OF LIFE COMES TO HANOI

By Russell Spurr

HANOI is so sad, so silent. Shops are half-empty. Cars are so rare that idling traffic policemen signal with surprised delight. Grass grows in some side streets; the pavement cafes and little night clubs have vanished with the French.

A way of life walked out when the Communists marched in 18 months ago. Something austere and dedicated, but intensely dreary took its place.

The young men from the rice fields and the jungle, victors of Dien Bien Phu and a thousand savage skirmishes, raised their

gold-starred red flag over the weathered old Vietnamese city. The last faced cadres men, fresh from political organization in the "liberated" countryside, set up shop in the handsome yellow washed buildings from which the French ruled Northern Indo-China for over eighty years.

AN UNLIKELY MIXTURE

THEY proved to be something new in Vietnamese history, this unlikely mixture of soldiers and administrators. They were honest and lowly paid, fanatically imbued with the dogma of Marxism.

Asian nationalism had shorn them of knives and forks, collars and ties and similar European appendages, put them into drab high collar jackets and monstrous mushroom-like sun hats.

It set them laboriously re-studying their own language and reviving peasant arts and crafts. Folk dancing is a cult among these ricefield revolutionaries.

Grafted onto all these native feelings — onto their pride of past, of present, of possible future achievement — are the complicated doctrines of Marx and Lenin. Of Stalin too, for the dead dictator has come in for little post-mortem desecration in North Vietnam.

His picture is still displayed in the propaganda bookshops. Plenty of literature on "Stalin" is on display.

The Communist government possibly feels that any attack on "cult of the personality" might undermine the unquestioned authority of revered President Ho Chi Minh. More likely, need for such a delicate ideological re-education has not yet been felt in Vietnam, way out on the Communist periphery where Marxism is watered down almost beyond recognition.

The new rulers of Northern Indo-China are too busy for theological debate. They have as much as they can handle, educating, consolidating, surviving. The future of their state lies in the sweat and mud of the countryside. Out of the rice

fields of the Red River delta must come more than rations for the large Liberation Army, more than food to sustain the present meagre millions, but the wealth, the capital, for eventual industrialisation.

PROTECTED BY GUN POSTS

HANOI is the only place most visitors ever see. They compare it bitterly with bustling dollar-backed Saigon, the river capital in the South. They cannot know that the real achievements of the new Communist regime have been in the countryside. That the true story of North Vietnam lies outside beyond the grubby suburbs . . .

Gia Lam airport was empty when my plane touched down. The French operated I.C.C. Courier tried to a parking place far out on the unkempt runway.

The silence was awesome as Indian, Canadian and Polish officers moodily retrieved their baggage. Nothing moved upon the acres of wind-blown grass and sunbaked concrete. Moss streaked the loading zone, pro-

tected by arc lamps and machine gun posts from which the black-smoked French transports took off for Dien Bien Phu.

The air terminal building was musty as a disused dam. Seven bottles of Czech beer graced the old bar where half-trained French paratroopers gulped down their last periods before the dreadful death jump into their falling fortresses.

The customs men were attentive and polite. They always are behind the various Communist curtain. Why not? Only friends — or at worst, non-enemies — are allowed to go through.

The airfield forts were under new management. Sun helmets and the tips of Russian Tommy-guns peeped out of embrasures built to beat off their present occupants.

But much of the barbed wire was cleared and everywhere there was cultivation, cultivation, cultivation.

Peasants were ploughing right up to the fortifications.

HANOI'S LAST HECTIC DAYS

In some areas, I learned, pill boxes had been demolished to make way for the plough.

Food was more important now than defence. Except that masses of troops were still around. They were practising the aim of the corner of the aiming.

Crawling and attacking through the grass at the end of the main runway.

"What was it all for?" I asked. "Security?" said my guide. "I looked it down. Then I noticed the peasants again. 'Food!' I wrote.

The two words tell much of the story of North Vietnam. A shame that I remembered so much of Hanoi in its last hectic days. The agonising nights, playing dice in the Campo de Fresse, while the French lost their battle way out in the jungle.

The nightclubs with their second-rate Parisian artists. The young officers about to die, the home-sick African soldiery, the opium dens and the brothels — all combining for a frantic, final fling.

REMARKABLE SURVIVAL

RESTAURANTS still served some of the best Western food in Asia. Shops were still stocked with cheese, wine and dainties, no matter how many freight trains got dynamited along the perilous road-rail link with Haiphong and the sea. None of it was left, but the memory. Now Hanoi had the pace and atmosphere of a seldom-used cathedral. There was only one remarkable survival — the political arguments of Communism's disunited enemies. The foreigner who witnessed the fall of North Vietnam, spent most of their time, those dying days, in fiercely discussing its fate.

This is the first of two articles describing what is happening in Communist controlled North Vietnam. The real revolution, says the author, is taking place in the rice fields of the Red River delta.

The old arguments still went on, more muted perhaps in the centre of the Communist capital. The bored officers of the International Commission spoke their minds with alarming frankness, blasting the government that sentenced them to whiskey and loneliness of their hotel billet.

One of the difficulties about visiting a Communist country is getting a peep at the works. So much is carefully hidden. So much is obviously staged.

The Vietnamese allowed me to look under the lid. But I got my best glimpse at the new bureaucratic state structure when I went to change some money. It happened to be some of the new South Vietnamese piastres, purged of Bao Dai's picture, with an American dressed soldier on one denomination.

The sign of the new State Bank decorated the old headquarters of the Banque de l'Indochine. A uniformed doorman supervised the parking of bicycles below the steps. No jumble, no fuss. A parking ticket for everyone. Through that door there please.

A nearby notice said: "Keep off the grass." People kept off. That's the way things work in North Vietnam.

SURPRISINGLY YOUNG STAFF

THE bank was still marbled and magnificent. But like Hanoi, half empty. Not all the cashiers' kiosks were occupied. Much of the furniture had been removed. The senior staff had left. The survivors looked surprisingly young.

I ended up behind a window where a young man was painstakingly examining piles of US dollars, Russian rubles, and Chinese J.M.P. I watched him go through pile after pile with a magnifying glass long after a girl with the Communist haircut had contemptuously removed my southern piastres.

Service was leisurely. I waited over an hour. But then I also had to get a permit to keep the Malaysian dollars I found inside my wallet. It meant filling in a lot of forms.

A couple of young men came up and scrutinised my dollars. They felt the material and shouted back joyful comments to their friends. A woman read out notices from the party paper "Nhan-dan." The patient customers listened reverently. Then a baby fell down and began to scream. An old peasant woman dozed off and upset her shopping basket and gaily on the street. I was kept gaily on the street. The girl was back triumphant with my dollar permit, more forms and a bundle of Vietnamese money.

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RENE MacCOLL MEETS A BRITON IN CHINA

Marine Condron's Conceit

THE thing that strikes you most about former Royal Marine Commando Andrew Condron, who "chose freedom" after the Korean armistice and who is now learning Chinese at the People's University near Peking, is his overwhelming conceit.

The self-satisfaction of this handsome Scot — he is 28 and bears a startling resemblance to James Cagney — is one of the more odious things about him.

Condron sat in my Peking hotel bedroom taking swigs of Chinese beer and chatting about himself in an accent which oddly blended his native Scots lilt and the American voices of his G.I. friends.

His curly hair was immaculately groomed and waved. He sported dove-grey slacks and a Cambridge blue Riviera-style sports jersey.

Said he: "Och — ye canna fail to get a bit homelike now and then when ye live abroad but I like it here. I could leave to-morrow if I wanted to, but I am perfectly happy."

and if I do well in my exams I will probably land a job."

"Is your conscience clear?" I asked. "Hell, yes," said Condron, raising his voice. "I see I've done the right thing."

Condron is an apostate (apsed) Roman Catholic. "Yes, I quit that stuff when I was 16. You know something? I used deliberately to chew the wafers during Holy Communion, which is a sin."

"And I used to make up lies to tell the priest in the confessional — things I had never done at all."

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The main worry is that I don't like the Chinese food. I get an allowance of about £15 a month, which is adequate,

better understanding between Britain and China."

Condron's mother — the family lives at 90, Stuart Terrace in Bathurst — died last year. His father is a G.P. telephone linesman, and Andrew "hears from him regularly."

I asked him when he first started to change his mind about things.

"Och, after I had been taken prisoner, I began to see that we were all wrong and the Communists were right. They treated me fine — shook hands and said 'You are our brothers'."

"What's the name of your priest, let's hear?" I asked. Condron passed out and then said vaguely, "Father David."

"How would you feel if you were to meet some of your former Royal Marine comrades and pass the time of the day. One of these fine days. And Condron will be going back to Bathurst — you'll see."

"With what aim, I think?" I asked. "To spread the word about peace and — to bring about a

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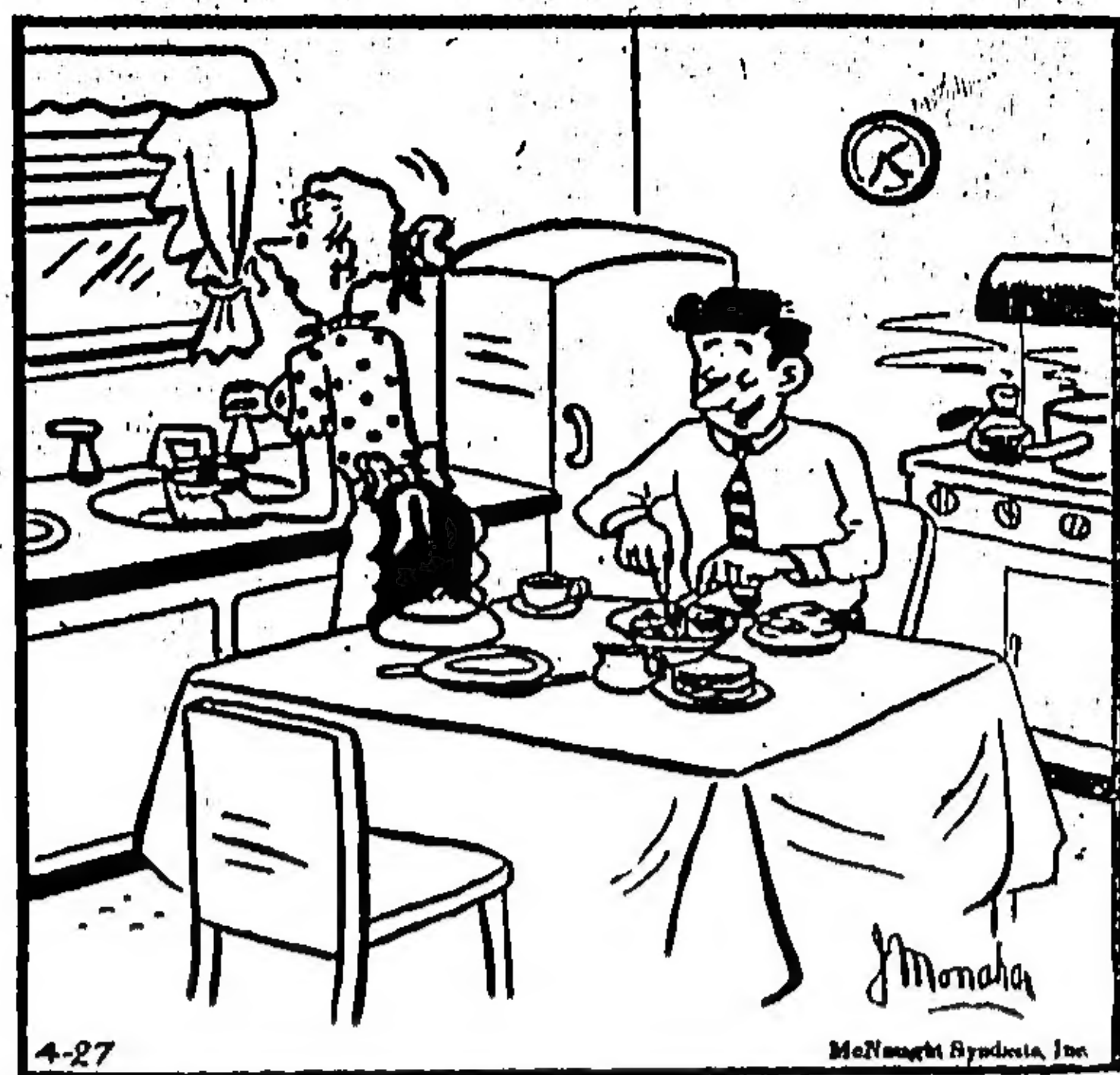
A FURTHER PAGE FROM RENE MacCOLL'S RED CHINA NOTEBOOK

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This Funny World



YOUR BIRTHDAY By STELLA

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

BORN today, you have a mind full of knowledge. You are especially interested in all the sciences and probably will be happiest if you select one of them as your life work. You also have artistic talent, and these two gifts may be combined to advantage. You will be wise, however, if you do not scatter your energies over too broad an area or you may find that you are conversant with many things but have no specialised skill in any one field.

A love of gossip is perhaps your major weakness and you must curb this before it becomes a serious handicap. This is especially true of those of the feminine sex. Your interest in other people could become curiosity—and this, in turn, could become prying. Probably the best cure for this is to have a large family of your own so that you won't have time to worry about what the neighbours are doing! Among those born on this date are: Rockwell Kent, artist; Baron Alexander von Humboldt, naturalist; Basil Thompson, noted editor; Henry Guy Carlton, playwright; and Dewitt Jennings and William J. Bailey, actors.

You have a pleasing personality, make friends easily and have a just and even-tempered disposition. Your circle of acquaintances will be large. You have a good sense of humour and are something of a mimic. At times you can enliven a party and turn a rather dreary social obligation into an entertaining affair. You are a fine host or hostess and should do a great deal of entertaining.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Combine personal and business affairs to your distinct advantage but it is important to be a good manager.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—This day can be important to you when it comes to developing new plans with a long-term potential.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—There are good promises for the day, but you need to exert the proper caution in business details.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Use your best judgment in making an important decision this day. Your entire future may depend upon it.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You can be the centre of attraction today, so exert the full measure of your charm. There can be cause for celebrating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Be as practical as you can, even though events may be occurring with unprecedented speed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—All that glitters may not turn out to be gold, so investigate everything very carefully today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you are wise in business, you stand to make an important profit on investment of time and effort.

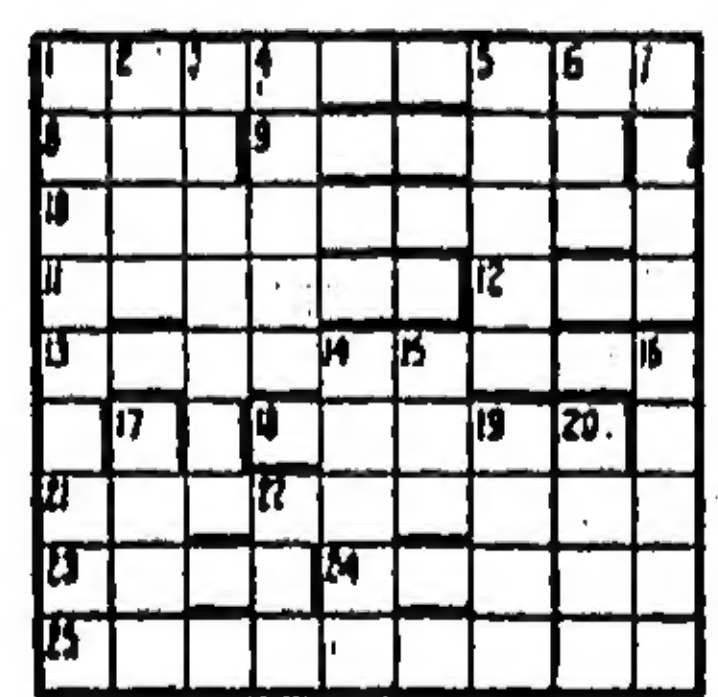
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Benefit from one of those "good luck" days which comes along every once in a while. This is yours!

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be sure of your basic ground-work before you make a decision which can alter your future life.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—This can be a fine day if you are quick enough and wise enough to take advantage of an opportunity.

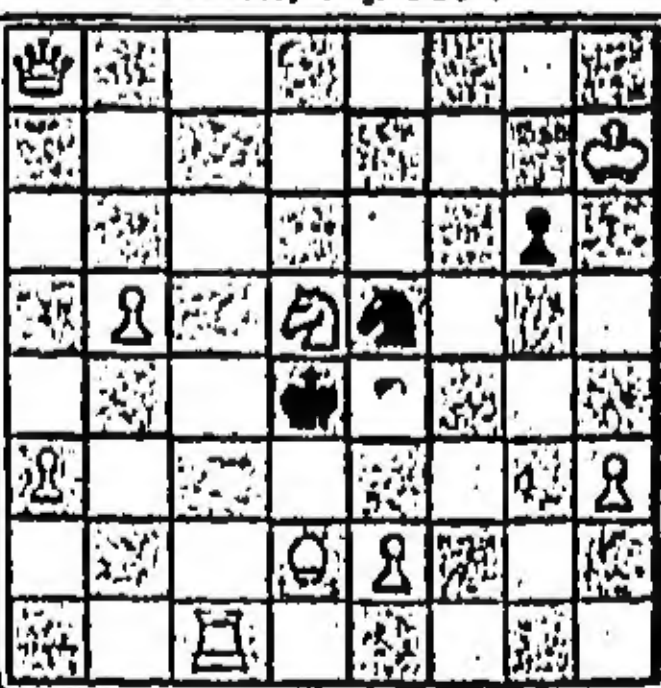
TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Your personal popularity will put you in a position of importance. Time for you to advance on the job.

CROSSWORD



- Across
- They're cracks, or interior chimneys. (4-5)
 - Spared when the child is spoiled. (6)
 - Drab for a G.I. (5)
 - From a G.I. (5)
 - Violence may—this rate. (5)
 - This bread has a coarse texture. (5)
 - Acting head (anag.). (5)
 - This kind of pipe is trouble-some in solid weather. (5)
 - You would not think these would make very warm friends! (5-6)
 - Has a priest in Tibet. (4)
 - The break in the cliffs leads to the sea. (5)
 - Hannibal's secret weapon. (5)
- Down
- Does this mean that someone outwits the fruit? (4-5)
 - Given to men to cause his own undoing. (5)
 - The rock is fabulously hard. (7)
 - The painter is commanding officer to a backyard ball. (5)
 - Unconcealed part of the over-tax. (5)
 - This is apartment, across. (5)
 - Just the spot. (4)
 - This may give you a good idea. (5)
 - Deprived a little after the dark. (5)
 - Patients to a doctor or joy to a drunkard. (5)
 - A type of suit. (5)
 - The game of a day. (5)
 20. Sail for a... (5)
 21. It's a... (5)
 22. It's a... (5)
 23. It's a... (5)
 24. It's a... (5)
 25. It's a... (5)

CHESS PROBLEM

By R. FORTUNE
Black, 3 pieces.

White, 9 pieces.
White to play: mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt (B6) x P, any; 2. Q, R, Kt, or P mates.

TARGET

How many words of 4 or more letters can you make from the letters in the word "TARGET"? The letters in the word "TARGET" are: T, A, R, G, E, T, A, R, G, E, T. You must use each letter at least once. Each word must contain the letter 'T' in the center square. There must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No proper names, words, or phrases are allowed. Excellent solutions were received from many readers.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Trump Lead Bad At Slam

By OSWALD JACOBY

"WHEN in doubt, lead trumps," West murmured to himself at the beginning of today's hand. This may have been good advice in the days of whist, but the rule has no place in contract bridge. It is particularly foolish to lead trumps against a slam contract.

The trump lead was welcomed by Alvin Landy, executive manager of the American Contract Bridge League, during the recent tournament for the Harold S. Vanderbilt Trophy. Landy, an expert as well as a tournament manager, proceeded to run off the rest of the trumps to see what he could find out.

It would have been safe for East to discard all of his hewels and one diamond. He might have been able to come to this

NORTH		81	
♠ J8			
♥ 875			
♦ K765			
♣ 7554			
WEST	EAST		
♠ 94	♠ 2		
♥ K862	♥ QJ1043		
♦ 942	♦ Q1083		
♣ A832	♣ QJ9		
SOUTH (D)			
♠ AKQ107653			
♥ A			
♦ AJ			
♣ K10			
Neither side vul.			
South	West	North	East
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 4			

conclusion if West had opened the device of hearts. With no information at all to guide him, East floundered and sank. At a fairly early stage he discarded the nine and then the jack of clubs.

Landy saw East's distress and correctly interpreted the club discards. He led the king of clubs from his hand, forcing out the ace and picking up the queen at the same time. The ten of clubs was then good for his twelfth trick.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Q—The bidding has been:

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2 Hearts Pass
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FORM POINTS TO AN ENGLAND VICTORY IN THE SECOND TEST

London, June 20.

The Second Test match between England and Australia opens tomorrow at Lord's and form points to an England victory.

Although the First Test at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, was drawn the home side emerged with the most honours. If play had not been interrupted so much by rain, it is probable England would have won, although Australia were unfortunate in the way they sustained a number of injuries awaying the scales of fortune in favour of England.

With a pilea from which all trace of moisture has disappeared and which promises to be ideal for fast bowlers, England seem to have the advantage in spite of the enforced absence through injuries of Tyson (Northamptonshire) and Moss (Middlesex).

In Statham and Trueman England possess two fast

bowlers ideally suited to Lord's, for the pitch there usually favours the pace men, even after rain. However, there exist slight doubts as to the fitness of Statham and Trueman.

Statham, who had to withdraw from the First Test because of a strained groin, was due to practise with the rest of the England side today, but when he arrived at Lord's his leg was so badly swollen that he was hurried by taxi to a dentist.

Statham did not feel any pain but a tooth was removed and this relieved an abscess. The Lancashire bowler later joined his colleagues at the hotel and stated: "I am quite all right. There is nothing to worry about."

Davidson in the XI which played at Nottingham.

It is expected that spin bowler Wardle (Yorkshire) will be left out of the England team, Laker and Lock being in deadly form at the moment. It is difficult to guess who the other player to be left out will be, but it is not impossible it might possibly be Bailey, Watson or even Graveney. —France-Press.

A Record 66 By Max Faulkner In First Round

Leeds, June 20.

Max Faulkner (Britain) returned a record 66 to take the lead in the first round of the Yorkshire Evening News £1,550 shilling professional golf tournament at the Moortown Course here today.

Faulkner, playing golf as a tourney, as his primrose outfit, set a new professional record for the reconstructed course, which has been lengthened by over 100 yards. His hitting was immense and accurate, and if he had a weakness it was an uncertainty on the greens with a newly-adapted, but ungainly, half-sitting stance.

At the end of the day Faulkner held a three-shot lead over David Thomas, the young assistant, Ken Bousfield, Arthur Less and the little Argentinian Antonio Cerda.

Another round will be played tomorrow, with a maximum of 36 players going forward to the final 36 holes on Friday. —Reuter.

LITTLE FAST BOWLING

As for Trueman, he had done little fast bowling in recent weeks, having been injured, and lacking match practice. Today the selectors gave him a thorough try-out at the nets. He made his full approach of 22 yards, which he covered with his usual sixteen paces, and developed a fast speed, which in the past earned him the nickname "Piercy Fred."

The Australians were not so fortunate with their "casualties" practising at Lord's before the England party had arrived. The "Aussies" soon discovered that Lindwall had not yet fully recovered from the thigh injury he received at Nottingham.

Consequently, Pat Crawford, the tall New South Wales bowler, was included in Australia's 12, along with Ken Mackay, the stubborn Queensland left-handed batsman. It seems likely that both will be making their Test debut in this match, replacing Lindwall and

USSR BEAT BRITAIN 7-3 AT BOXING

Moscow, June 20.

The Soviet Union beat a British team by seven bouts to three in an amateur boxing international here tonight.

Two of the British boxers were knocked out in the first round—bantamweight Don Weller by Boris Stepanov and Lightweight Terry Collins by Richard Karpov.

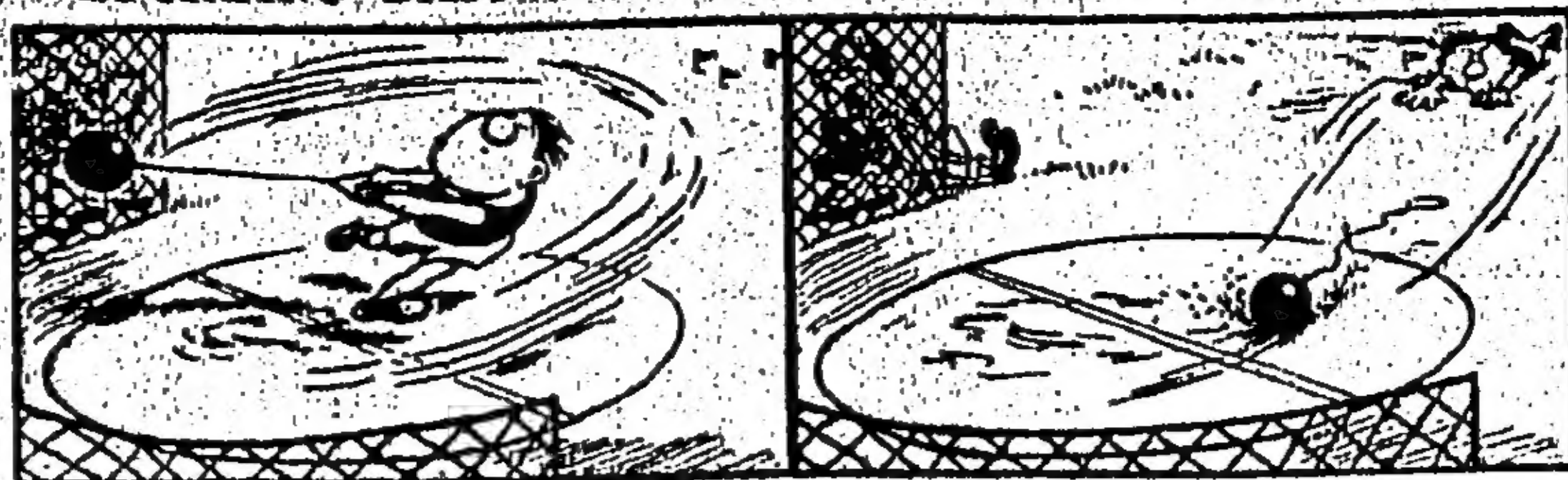
British Heavyweight Dave Rent retired with blurred vision after the second round in his contest against Alkidus Shozikas, the European Champion.

The three British winners were Tommy Nicholls (Featherweight), Ron Redrup (Middleweight) and Cick McTaggart (Lightweight), who all won on points.

The British team will meet Russia again on Saturday and then travel to Helsinki to meet Finland on June 28. —Reuter.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



QUEEN'S COLT WINS THE ROYAL HUNT CUP IN A PHOTO FINISH

Ascot, Berkshire, June 20.

The Queen saw her four-year-old colt, Alexander, win the Royal Hunt Cup this afternoon after a photo finish.

Grey toppers were thrown wildly in the air to salute the Royal victory as it was announced that Alexander had got the camera verdict.

This was not only sentiment. Alexander was a 13-2 favourite and heavily backed to retrieve the lost fortunes of punters, who had seen eight races go by since the meeting started without a favourite winning.

He was the first clear favourite to win this mile race, the biggest gamble of the four-day meeting, since 1910.

The Queen had previously won the race in 1953 with Choir Boy.

Alexander, drawn on the stand side, came with a powerful run a furlong out but was strongly challenged close home by Lady Ursula Vernon's Jasper, the 8-1 second favourite, racing on the far rails.

The camera showed Alexander, a son of Alycidon, to have won by half a length. He was ridden by Harry Carr, the Australian jockey. Rae Johnstone was up on Jasper.

Third place in the field of 27 went to the 33-1 outsider, Blue Rone, the only filly in the race, who is owned by the American, Robert Sterling Clark. She was a further length away.

IRISH SUCCESS

The Irish scored their first success at the meeting when the 8-1 chance Adare, ridden by Rae Johnstone, easily took the seven furlong Jersey Stakes with the American-owned favourite, in Dispatches, finishing last but one of 15 runners.

Bookmakers asked for odds about the Aga Khan's French-trained filly Kahira winning the five furlong Queen Mary Stakes, but she was unplaced, the winner being Pharsalia, owned by Major Lionel Holliday. She started at 100-1 and got the verdict after a photo finish.

Midget II, odds on favourite at 5 to 6, gave French-trained horses their first success of the meeting, winning the day's richest prize, the 6,400 sterling Coronation Stakes, over one mile by a length.

Midget II mastered the pace-setting American-owned filly,

Victoria Cross, just inside the last furlong. The English filly Arletta was two lengths away third.

Midget II is owned by M. Pierre Wertheimer, trained by Alec Head and was ridden by Rae Johnstone — the same trio that triumphed with Lavandin in the Derby.

Newmarket stables won the last two races with outsiders, to bring their tally for the meeting to nine.

20 TO 1 CHANCE

Jack Jarvis saddled his third long-odds winner when 20-1 chance Blue Blazes scraped home a short-head winner of the Bessborough Stakes, over a mile and half.

Marcus Marsh took the thirteenth Stakes run over a similar distance, with Milady, a Savanjo filly, who had not raced before this season.

In the fourth photo finish of the day Milady (100-8) beat Mamounia, owned by American cosmetic millionaire Mrs E. N. Graham by a neck. Mamounia

is trained by Captain Boyd Rochford, who saddled the Queen's Hunt Cup hero, Alexander.

Senior Ascot Steward, the Duke of Norfolk, later stated that Alexander's victory had come as a pleasant surprise to the Queen, who thought Jasper had beaten her colt. —Reuter.

GOLD CUP STARTERS

London, June 21.

Twelve probable starters and jockeys for the 15,700 sterling Gold Cup, richest prize of the Royal Ascot meeting, to be run over two miles four furlongs today, are as follows:

Prince Barle (J. Lindley), Macip (S. Boulenger), Romany Air (W. Rickaby), Bewitched the Third (J. Massard), Starfire (L. T. Lazo), Doural (L. J. Deforge), Alibi (L. K. Gethin), True Cavalier (R. Fawcett), Fil Rouge (G. Gardin), Belghet (L. Piggott), Clichy (F. Palmer), and Borghetto (W. R. Johnstone). All carry nine stone. —Reuter.

America To Establish "Conditioning Camp" For Olympic Athletes

San Francisco, June 20.

The United States will establish a "conditioning camp" for its Olympic track and field stars in Los Angeles this autumn for a three weeks' period, Harold Berliner, Vice-Chairman of the Olympic Track and Field Committee said today.

Berliner said that athletes not in condition at the conclusion of the session would be dropped from the squad and an alternate taken in their place.

"We expect to set up the conditioning camp around October and have it in operation for about three weeks," said Berliner.

"We will have about 70 athletes on hand to prepare them for the Games. Besides the three men who have qualified for the team at the Olympic trials at the end of this month, we'll have an alternate standing by."

"If we find that some member of the team is injured, or can't round out into condition, we'll drop him from the squad and substitute the alternate."

This is the first time the United States has ever established a conditioning camp although pro-Olympic camps have been set up in other countries for many years. However, in previous years the US trials for the team were usually held just a few days before the team left for the Games. This year the Games won't start until November 22 in Melbourne, which is summer time "down under."

There is the possibility that the same type of camp may be

set for the women's track and field team at the same time.

SPRINT SENSATION

Meanwhile there was some concern in collegiate circles over the condition of a pair of its stars: Dave Sims, the Duke sprint sensation, and Don Bragg, the great Villanova pole vaulter. Sims suffered a groin injury while running a 400 metres dash on Saturday. While his coach Red Lewis says Sims will be OK for the 100 metres in the Olympic trials, there is some speculation he may not make the squad if he loses as much as a half step in speed. With such men as his conqueror Bobby Morrow of Abilene Christian, the Murchison and Leonard, King of California around, Sims is in a precarious position.

Bragg pulled a leg muscle before the NCAA meet last week and didn't compete. His only chance now will be to qualify in the AAU meet at Bakersfield this week-end. Competition there will include Don Laz, Ray Bob Richards, Bob Gutowski and Bobby Matos, the first three of whom have done better than 15 feet. —United Press.

COUNTY CRICKET

FRED MOORE TAKES FIVE ESSEX FIRST INNINGS WICKETS FOR 36

London, June 20.

Twenty-four wickets fell today and a hat-trick was recorded in the County Championship match between Lancashire, the leaders, and Essex at Chelmsford.

Fred Moore, 25-year-old Lancashire fast medium bowler, brought into the side because Brian Statham is on Test duty, did the hat-trick in taking five Essex first innings wickets for 36. It was the second hat-trick on successive days.

Lancashire sent their rivals in on a lively pitch, dismissed them for 100, and still lost first innings points. Essex lost eight wickets for 39. But Barry Knight and Roy Ralph added 88 for the ninth wicket.

The county leaders in turn found the pitch tricky and were put out for 97, half their wickets falling to seam bowler Ken Preston for 41.

Then Moore got to work again, taking three of the four Essex second innings wickets which fell by the close.

BATTING HIGHLIGHT

Batting highlight of a day on which bowlers were generally well in the ascendancy was Ceylon batsman Liddle Out-schools 112 for Worcestershire against Cambridge University. He stayed 4 hours 40 minutes and hit 11 fours.

Other sides to collapse spectacularly were Hampshire, Glamorgan, Yorkshire, Gloucestershire and Nottinghamshire.

Hampshire, routed by the spin of Don Shepherd (four for 31) and Jim Pressdee (four for 46), headed Glamorgan by only 12 runs at the close with three second innings wickets down.

A fine display of hostile off-break bowling by Roy Marshall, their Barbados-born all-rounder, who took six for 44, did not prevent Glamorgan snatching first innings lead.

Former England fast medium bowler John Warr reaped a harvest of Nottinghamshire wickets after Middlesex skipper Bill Edrich had sent them in to bat on a drying pitch. Sustaining lively pace and moving the ball considerably, he took eight for 28.

Making the ball swing off a helpful pitch, George Lambert, 37-year-old Gloucestershire fast medium bowler, took eight Yorkshire wickets for 85 runs in their total of 88. But Bob Platt spelled with seven for 40 and Gloucestershire fell for seven less than their rivals.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At The Oval: Surrey 243 (Allan, left arm slow, four for 23), Oxford University 15 for no wicket.

At Chelmsford: Essex 100 (Moore, right arm fast medium, five for 36 and 38 for four), Lancashire 97 (Preston, right arm fast medium, five for 41).

At Horsham: Sussex 201 (Foreman 65, Thompson, right

Youngest Bookmaker

A bookmaking right at the Cape Tattersalls has been sold for £5,000 to Mr Cyril Pezaro, a Capetown bookmaker, for his son, Sydney Pezaro, aged 23, who will be South Africa's youngest bookmaker.

The right was previously held by Mr Henry Goldman, who is retiring. —China Mail Special.

Passion For A Debt

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Maneco, formerly a famous Brazilian soccer player, committed suicide because he was unable to pay several instalments on the house he was buying.

An evening newspaper remarked: "In a country where everybody owes money Maneco died of passion for a debt." —China Mail Special.

DIFFICULT GREENS

The winner plays at Woking and brings to his knowledge of the difficult greens an effective short game. He started off in exemplary manner, playing the holes in all the right figures and going one better at the eighth with a 3.

He was out in 35, and in spite of two 6s coming back, he followed them with a 2 at the 10th and a 3 with which to finish.

Atten, who won the Championship in the previous two years, was not at his best, and without putting badly could not get the ball to drop.

At the 15th he let one escape into the woods, and took a 7 which finally spoiled his chance. Torrance destroyed his chance by an uncertain and costly start which included a 7 at the fourth. This was all the more a pity because he came back in 36, and with three 3s was going great guns at the end.

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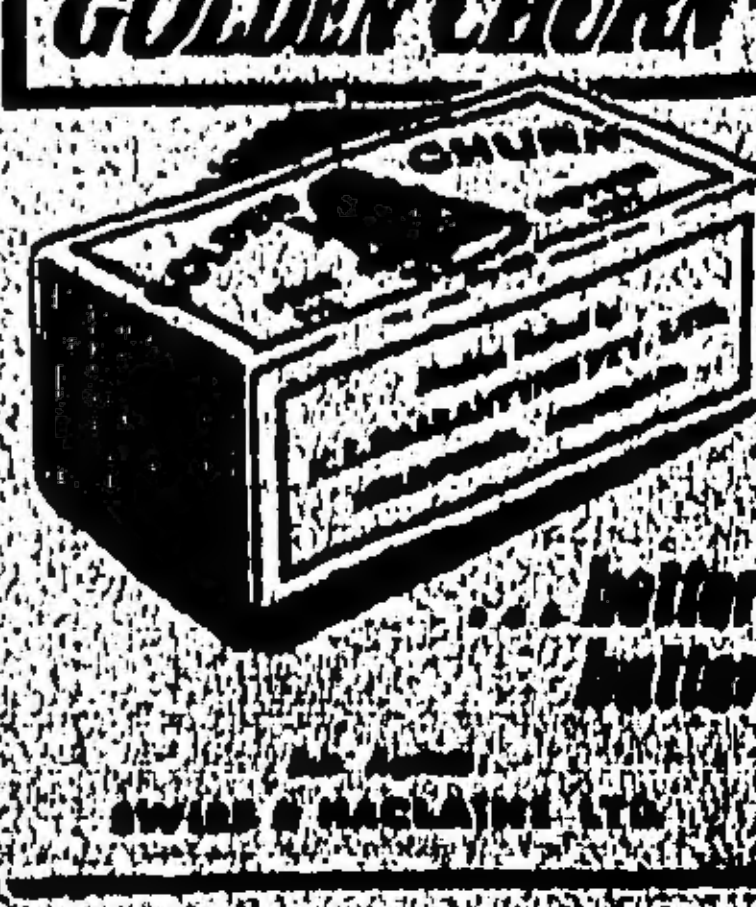
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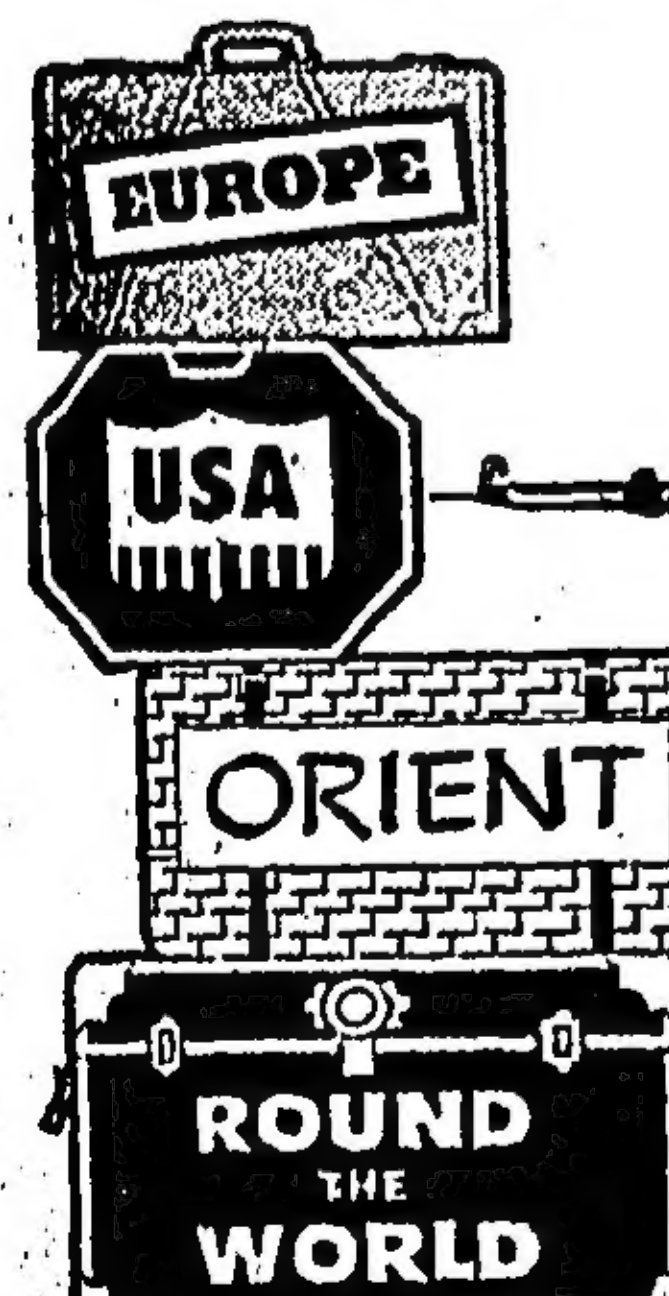
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FROM UNDER THE SAHARA—OIL!

It May Be A Miracle Of The Desert

EXCITING NEWS FOR FRANCE

Paris.
FRANCE has struck oil beneath the barren sands of the Sahara desert. It was discovered by engineers of the Company For The Research and Exploitation of Oil In The Sahara (CREPS) at Edjele, in the Algerian zone of the vast desert.

Edjele, which is not marked on any official maps, is just a group of wooden huts built to house the oil-men in a rocky ravine about 124 miles east of Fort Flatters, a military outpost, and about 24 miles west of the Algeria-Libya frontier.

Hundreds of miles from the nearest oasis, it is probably the most inaccessible "village" of oil prospectors in the world.

A team of 80 French engineers and geologists are at work there sinking new oil-bore in the hope that the first strike justifies their belief that a rich oil-bearing basin lies beneath the sand.

The first strike, at the comparatively shallow level of 1,000 feet, was made on January 5.

Two months later, the engineers carried out a "production test" allowing the oil to rise to the surface under its own pressure for 48 hours.

FLASH TO PARIS

The results were promising, according to the company. The light and good quality oil flowed at 105 cubic feet an hour.

The exciting news—for it was the first big oil strike in the history of the Sahara—was flashed by radio to Algiers. From there, it was sent by teleprinter line to the firm's marble-lined office in Paris.

Four French companies are at present oil prospecting in this part of the Sahara, covering some 1,500,000 square miles, which is controlled by France, Morocco and Libya.

Only the French Research company has, so far, had any promising results. Apart from the Edjele strike, the company's engineers have found outcrops of natural gas at Edjele, a palm-tribe oasis, about 380 miles south of Algiers.

£10M EXPENDITURE

A ring of wells have been sunk in the area in the hope that the gas, itself useful for industry, may mean that there is oil there too.

The Compagnie de la Recherche et Exploitation du Pétrole en Sahara, was formed in March, 1953. If work continues on schedule, the company will have spent 10,000,000 francs (about £10,000,000) in its search for oil by the end of this year.

The first task was to map in detail the immense stretches of sand dunes, rock, and stone where the engineers would prospect. No maps of the desert existed, so the company asked the French National Geographical Institute to draw up charts of 50,000 square miles of the territory. This was done with the help of aerial photographs.

It has still to be established if the Edjele strike is a minor one, or if a rich and wide stretch of oil-bearing strata has been located.

"Edjele may mark an important date in the history of oil," said a company spokesman. "On the other hand we may have discovered only a shallow basin of oil. Time will tell."

THEN—A PIPELINE

If the prospectors' dreams come true, and the strike is an important one, a pipeline will have to be built to carry the crude oil to the coast for transport to France.

WALNUTS FOR THE BISHOP

Auckland, June 20.
Parishioners of St Martin's Church, Mount Roskill have been asked to look for a source of green walnuts for the bishop.

The request is made in their parish magazine.

"The year has discovered that the bishop and he share a weakness—a great weakness for pickled walnuts," the request read.

"Unfortunately His Lordship cannot discover suitable source of walnuts for this delicacy. Can any parishioner help and find where it is possible to buy, beg, borrow or otherwise procure some lovely green walnuts? If you can help the Bishop would be most grateful. The year would like a few (do). — China Mail Special

The spokesman said that three port terminals would be considered. The first is Tripoli, about 372 miles away, and the second is Gabes. Agreement would, however, have to be drawn up with the Libyan and Tunisian governments, respectively, before the line could be built over their territory.

The third possibility is Algiers, which is more than 620 miles away, and the most distant of the three ports.

Water is the most acute problem facing the men working in broiling heat, at Edjele. Every drop used for washing, eating and the engineering work has to be carried 124 miles from Fort Flatters where there are wells.

distance look like bathing chalets at a sea-side resort. Each hut is fixed with rollers so they can be pulled by lorry from place to place.

The huts are air-conditioned at a fixed temperature, for the temperatures outside rise to 118 degrees F. for three months of the year.

From the air, the huts and oil machinery form a tiny dark patch on the side of a ravine, surrounded by desert which stretches flat as a billiard table, as far as the eye can see.

AND HOME LEAVE

Working conditions are so strenuous that the engineers are flown home to France in relays every three months to rest.

If large oil deposits are found and exploited in the desert the beginning of what the French Premier, M. Guy Mollet, called "The Sahara Miracle" may be in sight.

Until now, the Sahara's sands have been barren. Ownership of them has produced for France virtually no economic return.

One of the most valuable fruits for France would be oil. The country produced about 1,000,000 tons of crude oil last year, five per cent of her annual consumption. The rest had to be imported. — China Mail Special.

THEIR VILLAGE

The heavy American water-borne have to follow a 278 miles long twisting track through shifting sand dunes to reach the oil-men.

Food, drink, and a regular supply of mechanical spare parts are flown from Algiers to a landing strip which the company has built 16 miles from the "oil village."

A chartered transport aircraft, sometimes carrying ten tons of equipment, makes the journey every week.

The engineers work and sleep in metal huts, which from a

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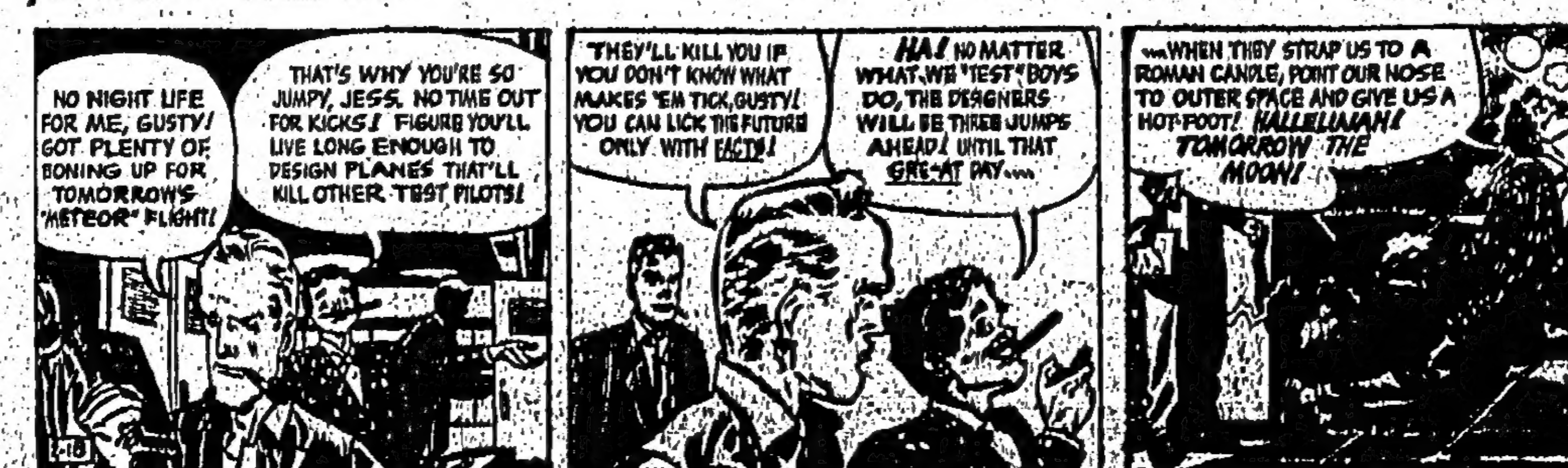
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ESKIMO'S MEAT DIET SAVED

Caribou Herds Returning To Arctic Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska.
Herds of wild caribou, which roam the barren tundralands of Arctic Alaska and play an important part in the Eskimo economy, are reported to be on the increase once again.

Mr Clarence Rhode, Director of the Wild Life Division of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska, reports that the latest annual caribou survey showed the herds to be thriving and in recent months the Eskimos have enjoyed one of the best caribou kills in the memory of many of the natives.

As a result they are well supplied with meat. In spite of the incursions of the white man's civilization, the wild caribou remains the basic item of diet for Alaska's inland Eskimo population in the far north.

While the coastal natives depend on the food to be gathered from the Arctic seas, the inland Eskimos are more or less dependent on the caribou, supplemented by fish from nearby rivers.

A good or a bad year for caribou hunting can make all the difference between a feast or a famine for these Eskimos.

BIG DECREASE

While the caribou is still Alaska's most abundant big-game animal, the wandering herds have shown a great decrease in recent years. In days gone by there were literally millions of caribou ranging over the high plateaus and mountain slopes of Alaska.

As late as the 1920's the annual migrations of herds of hundreds of thousands of caribou were a spectacle of northern Alaska. Old-timers still tell of the herds filling the wide Yukon river from bank to bank and holding up paddle-wheel steamers for hours while they crossed.

Some herds would travel hundreds of miles to new ranges and all of them were constantly on the move in search of the slow-growing lichens or "reindeer moss" which is their principal winter food supply.

One large herd was watched as it moved from the Fortymile area of eastern Alaska to the Kotzebue region on the Arctic coast, a trek of about 600 miles.

WOLVES TAKE TOLL

The herds still follow their migrating instincts but their size and their range have been cut down by the advance of civilization into the northlands.

Unlike the moose, which often in late winter seems to want to take up city residence, the caribou has suffered from the white man's gradual move into the northlands.

Throughout their range these ancient nomads are nowadays hunted for both meat and trophies. This extensive hunting, forest and tundra fires and predators by wolves have reduced their numbers.

The caribou's migratory and herding instincts have contributed to its decline. The huge, tightly-packed migrating herds allowed hunters, native and white, to slaughter them by the hundreds in the days of uncontrolled hunting.

In May or June caribou cows give birth to a single russet-colored calf. At the age when other young animals will be hiding from danger, the caribou calf will be following its mother as the herd continues its never-ending search for new ranges.

HUNTING CONTROL

Man has been a big factor in killing off the huge caribou herds through the uncontrolled hunting of the past. Now, however, caribou hunting has been put under both season and limit controls.

In most of Alaska the hunter is restricted to one or two caribou a year, of either sex, depending on the local area. But the needs of the Arctic residents for a larger kill for use as food has been recognized.

North of the Yukon river the hunter may legally take up to five caribou a year.

The campaign of the Fish and Wildlife Service against wolves is also helping the caribou make a comeback. The wolf is outlawed in Alaska and its kill is restricted. In addition there is a \$50 (\$16 sterling) bounty paid for each animal killed.

This bounty, together with the price paid commercially for the wolf pelt, has made wolf hunting a profitable sideline for many residents of Alaska. Much of this hunting is done from small planes by teams of two men, a pilot and a hunter.

AIR STRIKES

The plane skims low over the snow following wolf tracks. When the wolf is sighted the pilot holds the plane low over the animal while the hunter fires through an open window. Then the skilled pilot is landed to pick up the wolf.

Two of the Service's field parties, using small planes, have been working on the wolf control programme for the past winter, in the Noatak-Kobuk area of Alaska.

A recent tally showed that in this area alone bounty hunters and Federal agents have killed more than 600 wolves in the last two years. — China Mail Special.

KitKat

Negro Condemns Citizen Councils

Cincinnati, June 20.
A Negro physician from Mississippi told the United Packing House Workers' Convention today that white "citizens councils" in the South were "the greatest single threat to Democracy — even greater than World Communism."

T. B. McLeod, of Mount Bayou, Miss., a director of the National Association for Advancement of Coloured People, said the citizens councils that have sprung up to enforce "the segregation" were "a weak spot in the social fabric and a serious threat to other minorities and labour."

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

PRIVATE CAPITAL MAY
HELP SOLVE NORWAY'S
BIG TELEPHONE LAG

Oslo.
Some form of private enterprise financing may be employed in Oslo to cover the cost of developing its telephone network and to catch up with the ever-increasing demand that the present State allocations are unable to satisfy.

Since before World War II there has been a continuous shortage of telephones in the Norwegian capital and patient would-be telephone subscribers have had their names on the waiting list for many years before getting a line installed.

And still today, eleven years after the war, the State Telephone and Telegraph Authorities are struggling to catch up with that long waiting list. Because of the ever increasing population of the city and the rising standard of living, the list is getting even longer each year.

During the five years of the German occupation, of course, little progress was made in the much needed building of new exchanges and the laying of new cables.

After the war both money and materials were scarce and at the same time there was a tremendous housing development, whole new residential districts springing up on the outskirts of the city and bringing a big new demand for telephones.

"The vital importance of the telephone seems to have been underestimated in the post-war years," complained a Labour Party representative when the Norwegian Parliament debated the telephone budget recently.

There are now 100,000 people on the waiting list for telephones in Norway and 24,000 of them live in Oslo. With the present State budget grant it would take at least six years to build the necessary exchanges and develop the network sufficiently to meet the present demand—and that is without taking into account the fact that this demand is increasing year by year.

Difficult Conditions

With her many mountains and fjords and great distances between the small towns, Norway is a difficult country to service with telephones.

But the fact that the population is so scattered makes the need for telephone services all the greater.

At present the number of telephones per head of population here is much lower than in many other countries. In Norway it is estimated there are 10 telephones for every 100 inhabitants, while in the United States the corresponding figure is 30 and in a city like Stockholm it is as high as 50 telephones per 100 inhabitants.

In Oslo those who are already telephone subscribers are entitled to a telephone even if they move house. But if they move into one of the new housing estates on the outskirts of the town they may still have to wait for a line because the work of cable-laying has not been able to keep pace with the housing rate.

Indefinite Delay

Would-be new subscribers whether in town or suburb may have to wait indefinitely for a line unless they have some special recommendations to prove that a telephone is essential for business or professional reasons.

When the parliamentary committee reported this year on the telephone budget, they appealed to the government to find some other way to finance the urgently-needed development of the telephone network. The Minister of Communications, Mr. Kolbjorn Varmann, told Parliament that the Government had considered the matter and as far as Oslo was concerned, they had discussed plans with the municipal authorities.

These plans have not yet been done with in the City Council, but it is understood that the municipal authorities are considering raising a loan of about 50,000,000 kroner (\$2,500,000 sterling) over a period of five years. This would represent an increase of 10 per cent in the present rate of telephone development.

It is planned to raise the money by industrial loans, but a considerable increase in the telephone subscription rates has met with considerable public opposition. It was pointed out that this would amount to an extra and discriminatory tax upon one section of the community—that is, those who already have a telephone installed.

Subscriber Bonds

Another idea, put forward from private sources, was that new subscribers should contribute towards the capital requirements by each lending a certain sum, the interest upon

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Ceylon Trade
Pact With
Bulgaria

Colombo, June 20.

Ceylon has concluded a trade and payment agreement with Bulgaria, similar to previous agreements signed with other Eastern European countries. Bulgaria agreed to build up a credit by selling her goods to Ceylon and to purchase Ceylonese products in exchange for this credit.

Possible imports from Bulgaria include machinery, plate glass, sugar, flour, chemicals and miscellaneous consumer goods. Ceylon's exports will include tea, rubber, coconut products, graphite and spices.—United Press.

New Complaint
Against
Jap Imports

Washington, June 20.

The domestic velvet fabric industry asked the Government today for tariff and quota protection against Japanese imports.

In a public hearing before the US Tariff Commission, an industry spokesman said the American velvet industry will be completely extinct by the end of this year unless real relief is granted.

If the Commission finds that velvet fabrics are being imported in such increased quantities as to cause or threaten serious injury to the domestic industry, it may recommend protective action to President Eisenhower, which the President may accept or reject.

The industry's position was set out by Mr. Howard Richmond, Director of the Crompton Company of West Warwick, Rhode Island.

Mr. Richmond asked for higher tariff rates on the lower-cost Japanese velvet imports only, so as to "qualify the cost of production to some extent." He also urged a quota to ensure the American industry a fair share of the domestic market.

A brief statement in opposition to the application was made before the Tariff Commission by Mr. William Culbertson, counsel for the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of New York.

He said the domestic industry had not proved serious injury, and the velvet products of the two countries were not comparable.

The hearing will continue tomorrow.—United Press.

New York Sugar
Market

New York, June 20.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 40 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 246 contracts.

The mixed situation in domestic futures reflected the lower raw market with trade interests on both sides of the market. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)

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